

PERMISSION FOR CHILD TO PARTICIPATE  
AND  
RELEASE OF LEGAL CLAIMS

**Name of Activity:** Columbia University Teachers College Summer Humanities & Engineering Academy

**Date(s) of Activity:** 7/20/19 to 8/3/19

**Description of Activity:** The academy fosters the dispositions of innovators: students are invited to take risks, ask questions, and develop provisional solutions. As students create and exchange new knowledge through reading, writing, and discussion in an academic community, they also design and engineer practical solutions to real environmental problems. The Humanities component serves as an academic apprenticeship in the spoken and written discourses that are characteristic of elite high schools and highly selective colleges and universities, where students read, discuss, and write responses to complex texts in whole- class seminars, small groups, and individualized conferences. The Engineering component exposes students to different fields of engineering, while helping them develop practical skills and principles of practice for use in a variety of engineering contexts. Students select from three engineering fields -- web and application design, 3D modeling, or electronics -- and participate in collaborative projects in their chosen field. The course culminates in a symposium in which students present processes and prototypes that address how we might mitigate the negative effects of human culture on the environment.

I want my child to participate in this activity at Columbia University and I give permission for him/her to do so. In exchange, I agree to grant The Trustees of Columbia University in the City of New York ("the University"), Teachers College Columbia University ("Teachers College"), and Elite Direction, Inc. ("Elite Direction"), certain rights.

**Health Conditions**

My child's health allows him or her to participate in this activity. My child has health insurance coverage. I give the University, Teachers College, and Elite Direction permission to get emergency medical treatment for my child during the activity.

**Risk Factors**

I understand that the activity has risks. If my child or I suffer any injury or damage while participating, I release, or give up, any legal claim that I might have against the following for their negligent conduct:

- The Trustees of Columbia University in the City of New York

- Teachers College Columbia University
- Elite Direction, Inc.
- Any employees, officers, agents, partners, collaborators, contractors or volunteers of The Trustees of Columbia University in the City of New York, Teachers College, Columbia University, and Elite Direction, Inc.

### **Photos and Videos**

I give permission for the University, Teachers College, and Elite Direction to take photographs, videos, films, or similar images of my child and of me while my child is participating in the activity. I give permission for the University, Teachers College, and Elite Direction to use the photos, videos, films, or other images for non-profit educational purposes and to promote the activities of this program. The University, Teachers College, and Elite Direction may use my child's name and biography in connection with the images. The University, Teachers College, and Elite Direction may use the images for advertising, research, or any other purpose. I understand that my child and I will not receive any payment for this.

### **Creative Works**

I understand that my child may create art, poetry, stories, or other creative work during this activity. I give the University, Teachers College, and Elite Direction the right to use, reproduce, and distribute my child's creative work for non-profit educational purposes. I understand that the University, Teachers College, and Elite Direction may use my child's name and biography with the creative work. The University, Teachers College, and Elite Direction may use the creative works for advertising and research. I understand that my child and I will not receive any payment for this.

### **What I Agree to Pay For**

If anyone at the University, Teachers College, and Elite Direction is sued or has to pay anyone else because of my child's conduct, or my conduct, I will reimburse such individuals, The University, Teachers College, and Elite Direction for their legal costs, fees, and payments.

**My Understanding of this Release**

I have read this release, I understand it, and I sign it freely.

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Signature of Parent or Guardian

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Print Name of Parent or Guardian

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Print Name of Child

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_