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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Thank you for helping your son or daughter pursue his/her desire to participate in a Student Venture International Project! I wish to support you as a parent, and your role as guide and guardian of your child. I want to keep open communication with you about our global projects and what they involve.

Some very important information is included in this packet. Please take time to read and consider it. Once you have read the confidential questions on the next page and the financial policy information, please **sign the consent form and send it to Student Venture Global Projects.** Please let our office know if you have any questions.

The questions on the next page are the same questions your child will be asked on the application regarding their moral convictions, and health/medical information. Your consent for them to answer these questions must be given ***before*** your child's application will be evaluated. Your child's answers to the questions are private and will be held in strict confidence. The child's application will only be viewed by the person evaluating it and the one overseeing their personal development on the project. These confidential questions help team leaders encourage each participant in his/her personal growth.

All project participants (students, staff members and other adults) are carefully selected. Once accepted, project participants will receive special written and verbal leadership training to prepare for their international experience. A portion of this training comes through an acceptance packet and project manuals.

Students who participate in a Student Venture Global Project gain several positive benefits:

- international travel in a supervised, Christian context
- greater confidence in communication skills
- greater appreciation for America and other cultures
- development of leadership abilities and gifts
- life-changing ministry opportunities
- personal/spiritual growth and faith-stretching experiences
- focused service to help expand an ongoing youth movement in the host country
- experience with the dynamics of working on a team

Student Venture is the high school and junior high ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ, an interdenominational Christian organization with over 26,000 staff and 550,000 trained volunteers ministering in 191 countries. Our emphases are communicating our faith in Christ with others and building Christians in their faith. Student Venture's purpose is to help fulfill our Lord's Great Commission as recorded in Matthew 28:18-20. We have been offering international projects for over 20 years. We are excited about your child's interest in join us!

It is possible that sending your teenager to be part of an international project is also a step of faith for you. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me, or your local Student Venture staff member.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Tom'.

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These are the statements and questions your child will see on their application:

Moral Conviction Information

We know the following are sensitive questions. This information will be treated confidentially and will only be seen by individuals directly involved in your application decision and by appropriate project leadership. Your honest answers will not necessarily disqualify you for acceptance. Our main concern in asking the following questions is to make sure project will be a good fit for you—meaning, if you struggle with any of the following, the environment on a particular project may or may not be a good place for you. We are concerned about your growth. We may need to phone you to discuss the questions further. If you'd prefer to discuss your answers in more detail over the phone, please respond to each question in writing and at the end of your written response also indicate that you'd like for us to call you.

Moral Conviction Information:

1. In the last 6 months have you...
 - been intoxicated with alcohol?
 - used narcotics, hallucinogens, drugs or tobacco products not prescribed by a physician?
 - struggled with an eating disorder?
 - had any incidents of intentional self-injury or cutting yourself?
 - struggled with or participated in same-sex relationships/practice?
 - had any incidents which would not fall in line with 1 Thessalonians 4:3-4 by controlling your body in holiness and honor? (You may have different terms for these, but some examples would be: viewing pornography, oral sex, sexual intercourse, and/or any other sexual foreplay)
 - If you answer yes to any of these you will be asked to please explain the relevant details. Examples of helpful details: explain the activities and situations you have been involved in and how frequently. Would you consider this an area with which you struggle? Include steps you have taken to change that involvement. Who have you included in your journey regarding this area? Will you be willing to refrain from this during the mission project? If you prefer a phone call to discuss this answer, respond to this question and write "please call"
2. Briefly explain your understanding of what the Bible teaches about sexual purity (principles). What have you done to pursue this standard (both in convictions and practices)? Please be specific.

Health/Medical Information

Why are we asking health/medical questions? It is important for you to understand that the challenges of your own pre-existing conditions (physical, psychological, emotional) along with the specific environment on a project may present difficulties for you.

The following are some conditions you may encounter on project:

- Extended air-travel
- Housing without elevators, or air conditioning
- Extensive walking, or taking public transportation possibly while carrying luggage
- Full and/or very demanding schedule
- Food that is prepared for the whole project (you may not have control over what food is available)
- Being or working in a beach environment where people wear bathing suits all the time
- Spending your summer with others who are new to you
- Sharing cramped living quarters
- Not having your own space most of the time, and limited free time

Please note: A pre-existing medical condition does not necessarily disqualify you from being accepted to participate in a project, however it is a necessary component of the application process to ask these questions. Know that we may not be able to arrange for all your needs.

1. In light of the situations listed above, do you have any significant health issues, physical limitations or disabilities that may affect your ability to participate fully in the mission project or would require special arrangements in order to take part?
2. If you take any medications, will you be able to have enough for the duration of the project?
3. Do you have any allergies? To what?
4. Do you receive any on-going medical treatments? If so please comment.

5. Do you have any psychological/emotional conditions or struggles? (examples: depression, phobia, suicidal thoughts, significant anxiety, bipolar disorder, etc) If yes please explain the history, frequency, and treatments/steps you've taken to get healthy.



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Financial Policy Information

One of the most thrilling parts of our projects each year is seeing others partner with our team participants by pledging their prayer and financial support. Time and time again, students are in awe of how God provides for His work. Many express that the process of enlisting others to join them in this ministry is one of the most faith-building elements of their experience.

While this is an exciting journey of faith for each student it is also an important responsibility to assume. Most students see God provide in amazing ways. However, there are times where a student does not reach their financial goal before the Project Briefing. Others may go over their goal and designate their extra funds to those who still need it.

- If there is a shortfall, it's important to know that some students will go over and designate their extra funds to those who need it.
- If there is still a shortfall, the remaining balance needs to be covered before the student leaves briefing.
- If the day of departure is three weeks away and you find you are significantly short, you or your child should call your project coordinator to figure out a plan.
- If you are unable to make payment arrangements or commit to raise the necessary funds upon return, students can withdraw from the project. Specific instructions for this are in the student's Go Pac that they will receive if accepted for project.

Should a student decide to withdraw, there are some expenses that Student Venture incurs that are non-refundable like airfare cancellation fees, money used to obtain visas, lodging deposits, etc. Depending on these expenses which are unique to each project and on how close to departure the student withdraws, the withdrawal fee will be at least \$200 plus any fees incurred by the Global Projects office. Each donor will need to be notified of their withdrawal and be given the opportunity for a refund. Whatever funds that are left over after the refund requests will be used to pay for the expenses incurred on the student's behalf. If the amount of the expenses exceeds the funds available, payment arrangements will need to be made to make up the difference with Student Venture.

Please feel free to contact the Student Venture Global Project office with any questions or concerns.

Thank you for taking this step of faith along with your child to be part of helping fulfill the Great Commission. We look forward to serving you!

~The Global Projects Office



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Parent/Guardian Consent

Please return this form to our office.

Name of Minor _____ Project/year _____

I/We have considered our son's/daughter's plan to apply for an international project. I/We understand that Student Venture will seek to provide for his/her safety and welfare, and have considered the risks that are involved in international travel. I/We realize that Student Venture is simply giving him/her the opportunity to participate as a volunteer. I/We agree to the financial policy and commit to cover any funds not raised by our child. I/We consent for my/our son/daughter to participate on a Student Venture International Project.

Yes No

Parent/Guardian's Advice to Minor:

Please check one of the following

- I/We have encouraged our son/daughter to participate.
- I/We are not opposed to our son/daughter going, but we have the following reservations listed to the right under *Comments*.
- I/We have advised our son/daughter not to participate on a project for the following reasons listed to the right under *Comments*.

Comments:

I/We have read the confidential questions my child will be asked on the application, and give consent for my/our son/daughter to answer those questions. I/We understand his/her information will be treated confidentially and will be seen only by individuals directly involved in his/her application decision and by appropriate project leadership.

Yes No

Mother/Guardian's Signature

Date

Father/Guardian's Signature

Date

Please Note: The signature of each legal guardian is preferred however we understand some situations do not allow for all guardians to sign the same form. Signatures do not need to be on the same form. If necessary, this form may be copied and signed individually. If only one signature can be obtained, that will be acceptable for application for project.