

GENERAL AGREEMENT AND RELEASE FORM
(Parents/Legal Guardians)

Please read the following General Agreement and Release form, complete the Permission and Guaranty, sign and have notarized. Program participation will not be finalized until student and parent/legal guardian copies are returned (within 2 weeks of CAS approval) to the Office of Off-Campus Study & Exchanges.

*** This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and is not subject to changes or supplements. ***

1. The undersigned, (hereinafter "I"), the parent or legal guardian of an applicant (hereinafter, "Child") for the Skidmore Off-Campus Study Program (hereinafter "the Program") offered by Skidmore College (hereinafter "Skidmore") hereby waives and releases Skidmore, its agents and employees from and against all claims or causes of action which I or my Child may have, now or in the future, relating to any injury, loss, damage, accident, delay or expense resulting from participation in the Program, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the use of any vehicle, the occurrence of strikes, war, governmental restrictions or regulations, or the acts or omissions of any water carrier, airline, railroad, bus company, taxi service, hotel, restaurant, school, university, or any other firm, agency, company or individual. I hereby agree to exonerate, indemnify and hold Skidmore, its agents and employees harmless from and against any and all obligations or liabilities for which I or my Child may become liable as the result of damage or injury to the person or property of others while participating in the Program. I expressly acknowledge and agree that Skidmore, its agents and employees shall not be responsible for any injury or loss whatsoever suffered by me or my Child during periods of independent travel (which I understand are unsupervised) or during any absence from activities supervised by Skidmore.
2. During my Child's participation in the Program, I hereby grant Skidmore, its employees and agents full authority to take whatever actions they may consider to be warranted under the circumstances regarding the protection of his/her health and safety, and I hereby release each of them from any liability for any such decisions or actions as may be taken by them in connection therewith. The authority granted in the preceding sentence shall include the right to place my Child, at my expense, and without further consent, in a hospital, within or outside the United States, for medical services and treatment, or if no hospital is readily accessible, to place my Child in the hands of a local medical doctor for treatment. If it is deemed necessary or desirable by Skidmore, its employees or agents, I authorize them to transport my Child back to the United States, by commercial airline or otherwise, at my expense, for medical treatment.
3. In the event that Skidmore, its employees or agents shall advance or loan any monies to my Child or shall incur expenses on his/her behalf, while participating in the Program, I hereby acknowledge that any such advances, loans or expenses must be immediately repaid upon his/her return to the United States. If said expenses are not paid within thirty days of my Child's return. I understand that Skidmore will charge said expenses to my Child's Skidmore student account.
4. I hereby agree that my Child is to comply with all rules, standards and instructions relating to student behavior which are promulgated by Skidmore or the host college/institution. I agree that Skidmore, its employees and agents shall have the right to enforce appropriate standards of conduct, and that Skidmore may, at any time, terminate my Child's participation in the Program in the event of any failure to abide by any such standard of conduct. If participation in the Program is so terminated, I understand that my Child must immediately leave the Program at his/her own expense.
5. I hereby acknowledge that my Child will be charged, and will be required to pay, the Skidmore comprehensive fee(s) for the semester or year off-campus. This fee is equal to Skidmore tuition, room at the Scribner Village apartment rate, and full board, as applicable. This fee covers program tuition and mandatory academic fees, room and board (as applicable), medical insurance, and any other mandatory program fees. Skidmore College will handle payments to the program provider, on my Child's behalf, for the aforementioned fees. I recognize that Skidmore's comprehensive fee will differ from the fees of the program providers.
6. I understand that my Child is required to use program arranged room and board where available. Additionally, if provided a housing option, my Child is required to select a homestay. If he/she desires an alternative to program housing or a homestay he/she must consult with an OCSE Program Manager. I understand that the invoice which my Child will receive from Skidmore will be for the homestay option, when available, and the applicable board charges. My Child is responsible for airfare to/from the program site, books, and personal expenses (including passport and visa charges). If the program does not include room and/or board, or includes partial board, the comprehensive fee will be adjusted accordingly. I understand that certain programs provide housing assignments once students arrive on site (for example Australia & UK programs, independently approved programs, etc.). These housing assignments may or may not include a board plan. Therefore for these programs, Skidmore is unable to bill me a board charge in advance. If that is the case my Child will be responsible for paying board directly to the program provider once he/she arrives on site. My Child should address any inquiries regarding said programs to the Finance Manager in OCSE.
7. The program confirmation deposit will be paid directly to Skidmore College within two weeks of approval to study off-campus by the Committee on Academic Standing (Skidmore College) regardless of provider acceptance status and it will be applied to my Child's SKIDMORE COLLEGE account. He/she will note on his/her acceptance form to the program provider that the program confirmation deposit was paid to Skidmore College directly. Any additional deposits (i.e. housing deposits to cover room damage, library fines, misc. charges, etc.) and/or upgrades are my Child's responsibility and he/she will pay the provider directly. If my Child were to withdraw from this program for whatever reason, I understand that he/she will incur a withdrawal fee of minimally \$500. In addition, he/she will be financially responsible for all unrecoverable fees associated with my withdrawal. These fees will be billed under the College's refund (semester charges liability) policy utilizing the program provider's calendar.

8. When participating in group tours or other activities arranged by Skidmore or the program provider, I understand that my Child is expected to accept the will of the majority whenever a matter of choice is presented to the group. He/she is also expected to accept in good faith the instructions and suggestions of Skidmore or their agents in all matters relating to the Program including the personal conduct of Program participants. I understand that, from time to time, Skidmore publicity materials may include statements by and/or photographs of Program participants and I hereby consent to such use of my Child's comments and photographic likeness.
9. I hereby acknowledge that Skidmore and/or the program provider reserve the right to make cancellations, substitutions, or changes in the Program.
10. I also understand that neither Skidmore nor the provider can guarantee that courses which my Child has selected will be available prior to onsite registration in the program location. My Child's acceptance of an offer to off-campus acknowledges that he/she has thoroughly researched and understands how their participation in this off-campus program will affect their academic standing should he/she fail to register under the course selections they have proposed. I further understand that it is my Child's responsibility to work with the Registrar, his/her advisor and the chair of the department for final approval. I concede that my Child will need to earn a "C" or better to have credit for a course transferred back to Skidmore. In addition, I understand that Skidmore's fees are based upon costs currently in force and are subject to change.
11. I hereby acknowledge that OCSE reserves the right to withdraw my Child from their intended program should he/she fail to meet the predetermined conditions (i.e.; GPA, good social and financial standing) required to study off-campus, as well as neglecting to complete the mandated OCSE documentation and submit the requisite program confirmation deposit. I understand that if my Child is administratively withdrawn from their intended program, he/she will incur a withdrawal fee of minimally \$500.
12. All references in the Agreement and Release to Skidmore and its employees or agents shall include the officers, directors, staff members, campus directors, chaperones, group leaders, employees, agents, and affiliates of Skidmore, as the case may be.
13. I hereby acknowledge that I have read the terms of conditions set forth in this Agreement and Release and the Skidmore Off-Campus Study Programs written materials and I understand that this Agreement and the materials constitute the entire agreement between Skidmore, myself and my Child.
14. This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York. I agree that all claims and disputes arising out of or relating to this General Agreement and Release Form shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the New York State Supreme Court only and Saratoga County is designated as the proper venue therefore.

15. **Permission and Guaranty:**

_____ has my permission to become a member of Skidmore's Off-Campus Study Program. I agree to Skidmore College's off-campus fee structure and I hereby guaranty the prompt payment of all charges and expenses incurred by my Child. I certify that I am the parent/legal guardian of the applicant and that I have read the foregoing Agreement and Release Form and the Off-Campus Study Program materials. I hereby join in the agreements of the applicant and agree to be bound by all of the obligations of the applicant as if I were a party thereto.

Signed on this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Name of Parent/Legal Guardian (Please Print)

STATE OF _____)
)ss.:
COUNTY OF _____)

On the _____ day of _____ in the year 20___ before me, the undersigned, personally appeared _____, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same in his/her capacity, and that by his/her signature on the instrument, the individual, or the person upon behalf of which the individual acted, executed the instrument.

Notary Public