

**Robertson Scholars Leadership Program
Community Summer 2026
Permission for Emergency Treatment**

Name of Participant: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Permission for Emergency Treatment

A person participating in the Robertson Summer Programs may encounter a health emergency requiring hospitalization and/or immediate medical care and treatment. To prevent dangerous delay in treatment, participants are strongly encouraged to sign this Permission statement and have a copy at all times while involved in the Robertson Summer activities. A copy of this Permission statement should be given to someone who will be a close, local contact with the student during the summer. Another copy will be maintained with the Robertson Scholars Leadership Program office.

In the event of an emergency, illness or injury affecting me, I, the undersigned, hereby authorize immediate hospitalization and treatment recommended by and carried out under the supervision of a qualified physician or other medical personnel, including but not limited to administering an anesthetic and performing necessary surgery.

Further, an authorized representative of the local program or project in which I am participating may make medical decisions for me, including but not limited to decisions related to transferring me to alternate medical facilities for additional medical care.

I am covered by the following company and policy. (Indicate N/A if you do not have medical insurance for the summer besides the policy arranged by the Robertson Scholars Leadership Program.)

_____ (Company Name)

_____ (Policy Number)

I further understand that I will be covered throughout the Summer Program by the Robertson Scholars Leadership Program Medical Insurance provided by Chubb Insurance Company (Policy # ADDN04836224), which encompasses emergency student accident and sickness insurance domestically.

Special Conditions: _____

Allergies: _____

Participant's Signature

Date

If on religious or other grounds the participant is unwilling to sign the Permission for Emergency Treatment, a written explanation should be signed by both the participant and his/her parent/legal guardian, attached to this document, and returned to the Robertson Scholars Leadership Program Office.

Persons to Notify in Case of Emergency Illness or Accident:

In the event I am involved in a health or safety emergency situation during my participation in the program, I hereby authorize the Robertson Scholars Leadership Program, and its employees and/or agents, to notify the following person(s):

PERSON TO BE CONTACTED

(Parents, guardian, spouse or partner, as appropriate)

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

One copy of this form should be submitted to the Robertson Scholars Leadership Program. One copy should be carried with the Robertson Scholars Program Participant.

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ROBERTSON SCHOLARS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Community Summer Program 2025

Assumption of Risk, Indemnification, and Release of Liability Agreement

THIS IS A RELEASE OF LEGAL RIGHTS – READ AND UNDERSTAND BEFORE SIGNING

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Location of Program (City and State): _____

Inclusive Dates of Program: _____ through _____, 20_____

Name of Emergency Contact: _____ Relationship: _____

Telephone Number(s) of Emergency Contact: _____

E-Mail Address of Emergency Contact: _____

1. Introduction. This Assumption of Risk, Indemnification, and Release of Liability Agreement (this “Agreement”) is designed to protect the Robertson Scholars Leadership Program, including its directors, officers, employees, agents, representatives, successors, and assigns (collectively, “Robertson Scholars”), from liability associated with the domestic summer program identified above (the “Program”). All scholars who choose to participate in the Program (each, a “Scholar”) must read and sign this Agreement to indicate their awareness, acknowledgement, and consent to the terms and conditions contained herein.

2. Description of the Program. Robertson Scholars reserves the right at any time to add, modify or remove elements of the Program, or to cancel the Program, as Robertson Scholars reasonably determines to be necessary based on changed conditions, the interest of the group, or emergencies.

The Program is a domestic, off-campus opportunity for leadership development tailored to each Scholar. Robertson Scholars provides year-round programming to support individual, small group, and cohort-based leadership development. The Robertson Scholars Community Summer follows the first year of college. During Community Summer, Scholars work with institutional community-based organizations in four regional settings, i.e., Appalachia/Whitesburg, Kentucky; the Mississippi Delta; New Orleans, Louisiana; and Tarboro, North Carolina.

- Organizations represent a diversity of topics and services, such as educational equity, access to medical services, policies regarding incarceration, entrepreneurship, community development and the arts.
- Prior to the Summer, Scholars participate in programming designed to prepare them for group living, health and safety, working with community organizations, and communication expectations.
- Scholars live in privately-owned rental housing arranged by Robertson Scholars.
- Scholars have access to at least one community-based Mentor, either as part of the internship or otherwise.
- Program staff work closely with community-based Mentors and Scholars to ensure that Scholars have appropriate work activities.
- Program staff or appropriate representatives visit each location at least once during the Summer to meet with Scholars and Mentors.
- Program staff maintain organized communication with Scholars and Mentors over the Summer.

Timeline for Community Summer 2026

- Fall semester: Scholar learning for Community Summer begins in the Fall prior. All programming components are designed with Community Summer in mind.
- October: December: Sydney and Vicki meet with Community Summer mentors.
- January: Scholars start the first-year Robertson Colloquium, which takes place weekly throughout the Spring semester.
- January 8th: Mentors confirm participation in Community Summer by submitting project descriptions.
- February: Scholars complete a matching form. Sydney and Vicki match Scholars with projects
- March 4: Final placements announced at Community Summer Reveal. Scholars & Mentors connect to begin working on project plan
- April 19: Robertson Send-Off
- May 17-21: Community Summer Retreat, Nashville TN
- May 21: Community-Summer Move-in
- June 4-17: Transition Talks: Scholars check in with Vicki or Sydney as they navigate their transition into Community Summer
- June & July: Staff visit Scholars on-site
- End of July: Scholars depart from Community Summer

. **Risks of the Program.** Participation in the Program involves risks of loss associated with, among other things, travel, lodging, and activities, including without limitation personal injury, property damage, and even death. For example (and not by way of limitation):

- There are risks associated with contracting illnesses, including long-term health consequences or death.
- There are risks related to adjusting to a new environment, which often involves being away from current support systems, and can be a stressful and emotionally-challenging experience for Scholar.
- The quality of medical care and treatment protocols in the Program may differ significantly from that to which Scholar is accustomed.
- The quality of roads and maintenance of vehicles in locations around the region are of widely varying quality and can change without notice, as can driving conditions due to weather.
- There are inherent health, safety, and security risks associated with travel by aircraft, boats/vessels, motor vehicles, and alternative modes of transportation.
- Political, environmental, and cultural situations that can differ from those Scholar is accustomed to can be unpredictable and may become volatile and dangerous, often within a short period.
- There are unpreventable risks to any person who receives emergency diagnostic or medical treatment or care. Robertson Scholars cannot and does not assume responsibility for, nor does Robertson Scholars have any liability for, the medical treatment Scholar may receive, including medical treatment that may be directed by Robertson Scholars as necessitated by emergency situations.

5. **Assumption of the Risks.** The Scholar represents and warrants that they: (i) have read, understand, and voluntarily assume the risks described above; (ii) have read, understand, and voluntarily assume the risks outlined in all applicable Program literature, whether provided by Robertson Scholars or an independent third party; (iii) and have heard, understand, and voluntarily assume the risks outlined during all applicable Program meetings, whether held by Robertson Scholars or an independent third party.

6. **Indemnification and Release of Liability.** In consideration of the opportunity to participate in the Program and to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law, **THE SCHOLAR HEREBY AGREES TO INDEMNIFY, RELEASE, DEFEND, AND HOLD ROBERTSON SCHOLARS HARMLESS FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL DAMAGES, INJURIES, CLAIMS, JUDGMENTS, LOSSES, ACTIONS, CAUSES OF ACTION, FINES, FEES, PENALTIES, SETTLEMENTS, COSTS, AND EXPENSES, INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES (COLLECTIVELY, "DAMAGES"), RESULTING FROM OR ARISING OUT OF THE SCHOLAR'S PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM, EXCEPT FOR DAMAGES THAT ARE FULLY AND FINALLY DETERMINED BY A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION TO HAVE DIRECTLY RESULTED FROM THE INTENTIONAL ACTS OR GROSS NEGLIGENCE OF ROBERTSON SCHOLARS.**

7. Conduct.

- a. The Scholar acknowledges and agrees that they shall, at all times during the Program, abide by and be subject to: (i) applicable federal, state, and local law; (ii) the policies and procedures of Robertson Scholars; (iii) the policies and procedures of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and/or Duke University, specifically, the UNC Honor Code (<https://catalog.unc.edu/policies-procedures/honor-code/>) and Duke Community Standard (<https://dukecommunitystandard.students.duke.edu/>) as applicable; and (iv) the policies and procedures of the Program partners ((i) through (iv), collectively, the “Policies and Procedures”).
- b. The Scholar acknowledges and agrees that Robertson Scholars may terminate their participation in the Program if the Scholar:
 - i. fails to abide by the Policies and Procedures;
 - ii. fails to meet the requirements of the Program;
 - iii. illegally possesses a firearm, weapon, or incendiary device;
 - iv. and/or commits or assists with the commission of any act that, in the sole discretion of Robertson Scholars, threatens, is detrimental to, or is incompatible with the mission of Robertson Scholars or the goals and objectives of the Program.
- c. The Scholar acknowledges and agrees that, due to the nature of the Program, the procedures for notice, hearing, and appeal applicable to regular, on-campus, student disciplinary proceedings may not apply. Therefore, the Scholar hereby waives such procedures and agrees that if they are removed from the Program, then the Scholar may be sent home at their own expense, with no refund of costs, expenses, or fees.
- d. The Scholar acknowledges and agrees that any legal matters that the Scholar is required to address during or in connection with the Program is their sole responsibility. The Scholar also acknowledges and agrees that Robertson Scholars is not responsible for providing any financial or other assistance of any kind of nature to or for the benefit of the Scholar in connection with such legal matters.

8. Health and Safety.

- a. The Scholar represents that, based on the Scholar’s knowledge of their own health, they are fit to participate in the Program.
- b. The Scholar acknowledges and agrees that: (i) the Scholar is responsible for their own healthcare during the Program; (ii) the Scholar is responsible for all costs and expenses associated with such care, whether or not such costs and expenses are covered by insurance; and (iii) Robertson Scholars is not obligated to pay for such care, including without limitation, prescription medications, medical treatments, or hospital visits.
- c. In the event that the Program is unable to reach Scholar’s emergency contact or it is unreasonable to do so, the Scholar hereby authorizes Robertson Scholars, or its designee, to consent on their behalf to the provision of emergency medical care, including without limitation, the examination, diagnosis, and treatment of any emergency condition or injury that the Scholar may experience during the Program. This consent shall include, without limitation, emergency blood transfusions, surgical procedures, the administration of anesthesia, and other medical tests and procedures recommended by healthcare providers. The Scholar acknowledges and agrees that all such treatment shall be at the Scholar’s expense, and the Scholar hereby agrees to reimburse Robertson Scholars, or its designee, for any expenses that it may incur as a result of the Scholar’s condition or treatment. This consent shall not give rise to, and is not intended to give rise to, a legal duty owed by Robertson Scholars to the Scholar, and the Scholar hereby releases and forever discharges Robertson Scholars from any Damages arising out of or related to Robertson Scholars’ granting, failing to grant, seeking, or adequately supervising the Scholar’s medical care.

9. **Right of Notification.** The Scholar hereby authorizes Robertson Scholars to notify their spouse, parents, and/or legal guardians (collectively, the “Interested Parties”) regarding their participation in the Program. The Scholar further

authorizes Robertson Scholars, for the duration of the Program, to share any documents and/or information related to their participation in the Program with the Interested Parties for the limited purpose of informing them about the Program activities and occurrences, as well as the Scholar's risks and obligations undertaken pursuant to this Agreement.

- 10. Reporting Obligation.** If Scholar is a victim of a crime or if a police or security authority questions, detains, or arrests Scholar, Scholar must immediately notify Robertson Scholars except where relevant law prohibits Scholar from reporting the event to Robertson Scholars.

- 11. Governing Law and Venue.** The laws of the State of North Carolina, without regard to conflict-of-laws principles, shall govern all matters arising out of or relating to this Agreement, including its interpretation, construction, and enforcement. Any claim or action arising out of or relating to this Agreement must be brought exclusively in a court of competent jurisdiction in Durham County, North Carolina, and the Scholar voluntarily submits to the jurisdiction of such courts for this purpose.

- 12. Severability.** If any portion or provision of this Agreement is adjudged to be invalid or unenforceable, then the remainder of the Agreement will continue in full force and effect.

I have read this entire Agreement and understand that, by signing below, I am giving up legal rights that I may otherwise have, including the right to sue. My decision to participate in the Robertson Scholars Leadership Program is voluntary.

x _____

Signature of Scholar

Date