

Non-Student Participant Agreement Policy

Purpose: This policy outlines the terms and conditions under which non-student participants may engage in university-sponsored activities, including but not limited to theatre productions, band ensembles, clubs, organizations, or other similar extracurricular programs at East Central University. The goal of this policy is to ensure a safe, productive, and respectful environment for all participants while maintaining the university's educational mission and community standards.

Eligibility:

1. Non-student participants must be at least 18 years old. Exceptions for younger participants may be made on a case-by-case basis with written approval from the program director, dean, and any other relevant university officials.
2. All non-student participants must submit an application or audition as required by the specific program.
3. **Non-student participants must not have any active student conduct or academic suspension on record.** Individuals with a history of disciplinary or academic sanctions from ECU may be disqualified from participating in university-sponsored activities.
4. **Non-student participants must be in good financial standing with the university.** Any outstanding financial obligations must be resolved before participation can be approved.
5. Participation is subject to approval by the program director, dean, and when necessary, other relevant university officials.

Responsibilities of Non-Student Participants:

1. **Adherence to University Policies:**
 - a. Non-student participants must comply with all university policies, including but not limited to codes of conduct, anti-harassment policies, health and safety protocols, and any specific rules related to the program.
 - b. Non-student participants must agree to follow the same behavior and performance standards as students.
2. **Time Commitment and Attendance:**
 - a. Participants are expected to attend all rehearsals, meetings, and performances unless otherwise excused by the program director. Failure to maintain attendance may result in removal from the program.
3. **Health and Safety Requirements:**
 - a. All non-student participants must follow university health and safety guidelines, including COVID-19 protocols, when applicable.
 - b. Any physical or medical limitations that could affect participation must be disclosed prior to joining the program.
4. **Financial Obligations:**

- a. Non-student participants are not required to pay tuition but may be asked to cover specific costs related to the activity (e.g., uniform fees, travel expenses).
- b. Any such financial obligations will be clearly communicated prior to the start of the program.

5. Class Attendance Restrictions:

- a. Non-student participants are not permitted to attend university classes unless officially enrolled as a student. Participation in extracurricular activities does not grant access to academic classes, lectures, or other student-specific services. Violating this policy may result in termination of the participant's involvement in the program.

6. Distinction from Guest Speakers:

- a. Non-student participants differ from invited guest speakers. Guest speakers are invited by the university to provide expertise or knowledge in specific areas, usually in a limited capacity, such as delivering a lecture or seminar. Unlike non-student participants, guest speakers may be granted access to academic classes or university events as part of their invited role. They are not subject to the ongoing participation responsibilities or restrictions outlined in this policy for non-student participants.

Approval Process:

- Participation in university-sponsored activities by non-students must be approved by the program director, the relevant dean, and where applicable, appropriate university officials. All approvals must be secured before the participant can engage in the program.

University Rights and Expectations:

1. Use of University Facilities and Equipment:

- a. Non-student participants may use university facilities and equipment as required by the program. However, misuse or damage of such property may result in liability for repair or replacement costs.

2. University Branding and Representation:

- a. Participants must adhere to the university's standards when representing the institution, whether in performances, media appearances, or community interactions.
- b. The university reserves the right to photograph, record, or otherwise document performances and activities for marketing or archival purposes.

3. Termination of Participation:

- a. The university reserves the right to terminate a non-student participant's involvement in the program at any time for non-compliance with policies, disruptive behavior, or any actions deemed harmful to the university's mission.

Liability Waiver: All non-student participants must sign a liability waiver releasing the university from responsibility for any injury, loss, or damage incurred while participating in university activities, except in cases of gross negligence.

Confidentiality and Privacy: Non-student participants must respect the privacy and confidentiality of other participants and staff. Personal information shared during the program should not be disclosed outside the group without consent.

Agreement to Terms: By signing this agreement, the participant acknowledges that they have read, understood, and agreed to comply with the terms and conditions outlined above. This agreement must be signed before the participant is allowed to take part in any activities.

☐ Have you ever been suspended or expelled from ECU as a result of non-academic issues?
YES / NO

☐ Have you been convicted, plead guilty, plead no contest, or accepted a deferred judgement to any felony criminal charges?
Note: If these charges have been legally expunged, you may truthfully check "no."
YES / NO

☐ Are you required to register your name and home address with any local or state law enforcement agency?
YES / NO

☐ Do you have any pending felony charges?
YES / NO

☐ Are you in good financial standing with ECU and have no outstanding debts or financial obligations to the university?
YES / NO

Signatures:

Participant: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Program Director: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Academic Dean: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Dean of Students: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____