Conditions of Acceptance
Rice University
Center for Civic Leadership’s Alternative Spring Break Program
2017-2018 Academic Year

We want to ensure that the conditions of participation are clear in this participant contract.

1. Participants in the Alternative Spring Break program are expected to exhibit sensitivity to the host culture; observe local rules and laws; and abide by the philosophy, structure, and regulations of our host agencies.
2. A primary goal of the program is learning and experiential education. Participants are expected to prepare for the trip by attending all pre-trip meetings, presentations/workshops and service projects. In addition, students will be required to participate in group-reflection while on the trip.
3. The Center for Civic Leadership and site leaders will assist in arranging reasonable accommodations on-site and arranging community engagement activities to be done in conjunction with the host agencies. Nevertheless, the exact nature and conditions of these accommodations and work cannot be guaranteed. Many of the conditions we expect at Rice (i.e. hot water, daily showers, washers/dryers, privacy, etc.) may not be available at all housing facilities.
4. The participants will be responsible for active participation in all fundraising activities, including at least one advocacy event and participation in the letter campaign, all of which will be facilitated by site leaders.
5. It is the participant’s responsibility to obtain a passport and any necessary visas (if required for the trip) before he/she goes and to bring his/her own spending money for free-time activities, a few meals, and other personal expenses.
6. It is the participant’s responsibility to insure he/she is covered by a health insurance plan for the duration of the program, which includes emergency medical evacuation.
7. The participants are responsible for making all decisions regarding appropriate health precautions for activities leading up to, on the trip, and post-trip activities.
8. For the purposes of creating a productive group dynamic, oriented toward civic engagement, participants will not consume/use alcohol or illegal drugs, smoke, or engage in sexual activity while on the trip.
9. During the trip, participants must at all times be with another member of the group. Activities outside the scope of the program will not be accommodated and participants should not make outside commitments.
10. All participants are required to follow all safety guidelines established by the Center for Civic Leadership and communicated through the site leaders while on an Alternative Spring Break trip. This includes traveling to and from community partner sites with the full team of participants and site leaders.
11. Following the trip, group members will be responsible for presentations of what they learned to be given to the Rice community in the late spring 2018 semester, included but not limited to, All-ASB Reorientation.
12. Once accepted into the program and the registration fee is paid, participants are financially obligated to the full purchase price of their plane ticket, agency fees, and/or any other pre-paid expenses if they drop out for any reason, since these are non-refundable and will likely cost more than the initial registration fee.

Registration fees of $150 for driving trips and $350 for flying trips is due by December 6th, 2017.

I have read the program description. I understand my responsibilities toward the program and the arrangements that will be made for me.

Signature: ________________________________
Print Name: ______________________________
Trip Title: ________________________________
Date: ________________________________