**PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT FOR THE INTERNATIONAL 4-H YOUTH EXCHANGE OF**

**COLORADO 4-H INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS AND**

## Colorado State University Extension 4-H

The undersigned Participant (the "Participant") and his/her parent(s) or legal guardian(s), if the participant is under 21 years of age agree(s):

1. The Participant will participate fully in the program arranged by the Colorado 4-H International Programs Office (hereafter CO 4-H IP), Colorado State University Extension/ 4-H (hereafter CSU), and the sponsoring host states. The Participant will always conduct himself/herself in an acceptable and proper manner.

2. The Participant agrees to abide by the laws of the United States and host families' household rules, particularly with respect to the use of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, drugs, and sexual practices. The Participant agrees not to abuse the use of alcohol or tobacco. The use of drugs is strictly forbidden and is cause for immediate dismissal from the program. The Participant agrees to refrain from inappropriate sexual conduct during the program. The Participant agrees not to access pornography websites. Violations of these policies or the laws of the state of Colorado and the United States will result in immediate expulsion from the program at the Participant’s expense.

3. The Participant agrees that while on the program, and in the United States, the Participant will adhere to the travel guidelines of the program. Freetime is taken during the time host states have set aside. No exceptions will be made.

4. The Participant agrees that relatives and friends will not visit the Participant during the program unless they have obtained prior consent from the host family and the State Coordinator. Visits from relatives and friends during the program (other than during freetime) are discouraged.

5. The Participant agrees not to operate a motorized vehicle of any type without obtaining a proper license and insurance. The Participant acknowledges that operation of a motorized vehicle of any type while participating in the program is at the Participant's own risk. Neither CO 4-H IP, CSU, the host states, nor the host families carry insurance covering the Participant while operating a motorized vehicle of any type.

6. The Participant agrees not to purchase any vehicle and agrees that the purchase of any vehicle may be deemed cause for termination from the program.

1. The host states make host family placements. The Participant agrees to accept placement with families without discrimination based on race, sex, national origin, disability, religion, age, sexual orientation, or other nonmerit reasons. Every attempt will be made to place the Participant with host families that will optimize the educational outcomes of the exchange experience. It is understood that the Participant may be placed with either farm or non-farm families. Neither CSU nor the host states guarantee placement with a certain number of farm families. The Participant acknowledges that the host states select the host families. The Participant agrees to notify the Host State Coordinator immediately if the Participant believes a host family assignment is in any way improper or places the Participant in danger of physical harm.
2. Host family volunteers or Extension personnel with 4-H responsibilities are available to assist the Participant during his/her experience. The Participant understands that CO 4-H IP and CSU do not supervise these individuals. Likewise, the Participant is not an agent of CO 4-H IP or CSU for any purpose.

9. The Participant is responsible for resolving any claims for damages or injuries claimed to have been caused by the acts or omissions of the Participant. Neither the CO 4-H IP, CSU nor the host states accept any responsibility for claims made against the Participant and have no obligation to defend against such claims. The Participant and his/her heirs, successors, administrators, executors, and assignees, agree to indemnify and hold harmless the CO 4-H IP, CSU and/or the host states against any claims, losses, expenses or payments resulting from any claims, liability, loss, or damage caused to or asserted against the CO 4-H IP, CSU and/or the host states arising from any act or failure to act by the Participant.

10. The Participant agrees to inform the State 4-H International Programs Coordinator of any health problems or medication the Participant must take on a regular basis. This information must be included on the application form. The Participant understands that errors and omissions on the application form will jeopardize the Participant's placement and may result in termination from the program. The Participant is responsible for any additional costs incurred due to termination.

11. The CO 4-H IP, CSU, and/or the host states have no responsibility for the Participant if the Participant chooses to arrive in the United States before the program starts or remain in the United States after the program ends.

12. Host families voluntarily provide the Participant with food and lodging as a family member. Any additional personal expenses, such as clothing, telephone calls, internet usage expenses, stamps, etc., are to be paid by the Participant.

13. The host state arranges for transportation to and between host families.

Participants will arrange travel from their home countries to and from Denver International Airport. Colorado 4-H will make transportation arrangements for participants arriving in Denver. In some cases, members of the Colorado IFYE Alumni Association will provide ground transportation from the Denver Airport. Colorado 4-H and host families will make arrangements to take participants to Denver International Airport on the date of departure from Colorado. The Participant is responsible for travel during the free-time period.

The Participant understands that the Colorado IFYE Alumni Association, CO 4-H IP, CSU and the host states are not responsible or liable for any loss or injury to property or person resulting from arranging or providing travel services nor are they responsible for any additional costs if the Participant changes airline tickets or makes other travel arrangements.

14. The Participant must secure health and accident insurance prior to arriving in the United States.

Minimum insurance coverage must provide:

(a.) Medical benefits of at least $250,000 per accident or illness;

(b.) Repatriation of remains in the amount of $10,000;

1. Expenses associated with the medical evacuation of the Participant to his or her home country in the amount of $25,000; and
2. A deductible not to exceed $500 per accident or illness.

The Participant who wilfully fails to maintain the insurance coverage set forth above while participating in the program or who makes a material misrepresentation concerning such coverage shall be terminated from the program. Proof of insurance coverage (written in the English language) that complies with the above stated coverage must be attached to this Participant Agreement.

Neither the CO 4-H IP, CSU nor the host states carry any health or accident insurance for the Participant. The CO 4-H IP, CSU, and the host states strive to promote a safe, positive learning experience, but they cannot guarantee the health and safety of the Participant.

15. The Participant, in the event of an emergency or other need, consents for the host family, host state, CO 4-H IP or CSU to select medical providers to administer and perform medical and surgical treatments that are believed to be appropriate, including anesthesia, medication, treatments, operations, tests, transfusions, or injections.

16. The CO 4-H IP, CSU and the host states have no liability to the Participant if the Participant is terminated from the program for any reason or voluntarily withdraws from the program. The Participant is responsible for all travel costs when terminated from the program. The agency issuing the visa will be notified within 72 hours of the Participant’s termination from the program.

I have read the Participant Agreement with the Colorado 4-H International Programs Office and Colorado State University Extension/ 4-H and I agree that I will abide by its provisions.

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| **Participant Signature** |  | **Participant Printed Name** |  | **Date** |

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| **Witness Signature** |  | **Witness Printed Name** |  | **Date** |

# If the Participant is less than 21 years old, the Participant's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) must agree to the following:

I/We have read the Participant Agreement the Colorado 4-H International Programs Office and Colorado State University Extension/ 4-H, and I/we agree that the Participant will abide by its provisions. In the event the Participant breaches a provision, I/we agree to indemnify the CO 4-H IP, CSU and/or the host states for any liability or loss.

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| **Signature(s)** |  | **Printed Name(s)** |  | Date |

***The Participant must return this form and proof of health and accident insurance to the host state coordinator by e-mail on or before April 1.***