



DOMINICAN INTER-EXCHANGE AND TRAINING CENTER, S.I.R.L.

Exchange Programs Abroad

Participant's Agreement

I have applied to participate in an Exchange program (the Program) offered by Dominican Inter Exchange and Training Center (Dominext). I understand that my participation in the Program is voluntary.

In consideration for being allowed to participate in the Program, I agree and represent as follows:

1. I understand that, as a participant in the Program, I am subject to the rules and requirements of the Program, as well as to the rules and requirements of DOMINEXT and of any cooperating university and/or institution associated with the Program. I agree to fulfill these requirements and comply with these rules in all respects and will be subject to immediate dismissal from the Program if I do not do so.
2. I will participate in all mandatory in-country orientations.
3. When requested by DOMINEXT, I will provide proof of studies or certifications achieved prior to my departure to the country of destination, and the information obtained will be used to determine program eligibility.
4. If I require special medical attention or accommodation during the Program, I will include this request and provide all details in my program application. Disclosure of this information will not influence my eligibility for my program. Non-disclosure may result in my ineligibility for participation in, and/or dismissal from, my exchange program.
5. Dominext respect the rights of all individuals and does not discriminate against any participant because of race, color, religion, creed, disability, gender, sexual orientation or national origin. I understand that I may be expelled from the program of my interest and lose all benefits associated to it, without monetary refund, if I engage in discriminatory acts while participating.
6. I understand that I am responsible for all fees associated with obtaining a passport and a Visa when required. Failure to obtain a visa, if necessary for my Program of interest, will result in my inability to participate on the Program. DOMINEXT is not responsible for penalties associated with failure to obtain a visa in time for the start of the Program, including airline change fees.
7. I understand that I am responsible for all Airfare fees to/from my country of destination.



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8. I understand that I am responsible for all fees associated with obtaining the following services during my participation in my program of interest:
- Daily meals.
 - Comprehensive health and accident insurance.
 - Personal pocket money and transportation cost.
9. The Program allows for free time, which may be spent as I wish. For example, I may use this time to travel, sightsee, or participate in activities or events in which I have a personal interest. I understand that I retain full responsibility for making any such arrangements and for all costs, transportation, lodging, food and any other expense that may be associated with non-Program activities.
10. I will be covered for the duration of my Program by a policy of comprehensive health and accident insurance that provides coverage for injuries and illnesses I may sustain or experience while abroad, and more specifically, in the Program country and those countries in which I will be living or traveling during my participation in the Program. A detailed description of this coverage will be provided to DOMINEXT prior to my departure.
11. I acknowledge that DOMINEXT reserves the right to decline to accept or retain me in the Program at any time, including before the Program officially begins, if it determines that my actions or general behavior impede the operation of the Program or adversely affect the rights or welfare of any person (including myself). Similarly, I understand that, in the sole discretion of DOMINEXT's employees, agents or representatives, I may be dismissed from the Program if it is determined that my continued presence in the Program would be disruptive or an interference to the Program's continuation (including if I stop participating in daily activities/work). If dismissed from the Program, I understand that:
- I will not be permitted to participate in any Program activity and will no longer be entitled to any Program benefits.
 - No refund will be guaranteed for any part of the Program or for any accommodation or Program service(s) not used.
 - I will not be entitled to any hearing regarding termination while abroad.
 - I may not be eligible for participation in any future DOMINEXT's program.
12. I understand that DOMINEXT's programs are not intended to provide me a certification, diploma or college credit. It will be the responsibility of each participant to obtain official approval from their educational institution for courses taken abroad.



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- 13.** All program participants with Spanish language deficiencies may enroll in intensive language courses at the destination country. It is the students' responsibility to make the necessary arrangements to enroll for such courses, to pay for such courses and to accommodate any scheduling requirements.
- 14.** I understand that DOMINEXT reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to make alterations in the Program calendar as it may deem necessary or desirable, with or without notice, or to cancel the Program or any aspect of it prior or after departure, requiring that all participants return to their country of origin if DOMINEXT determines or believes that any person is or will be in danger if the Program or any aspect of it is continued.
- a. DOMINEXT is not responsible for financial penalty or loss I may incur as a result of any such cancellation, operational, or itinerary change, regardless of whether DOMINEXT makes a flight arrangement.
 - b. DOMINEXT may substitute hotels, accommodations or housing of a similar category at any time, with or without notice. For programs in which housing is included in the program fee, specific room and housing assignments are within the sole discretion of DOMINEXT.

DOMINEXT strongly advises me to purchase fully refundable airline tickets and/or trip cancellation insurance to safeguard against losses or penalties resulting from any of the above scenarios.

- 15.** I understand that the housing provided abroad and the services they include, such as: Electricity, water heater, water quality, internet, air conditioning, etc., do not necessarily reflect the level of quality of these services in my home country. I also understand that one or more of these services may not be included, may not be available 24/7 or may not be available at all.
- 16.** I understand that the home provided will be shared with other international participants of the same gender, who may have different cultures, traditions, religions, language, etc.
- 17.** I am aware that the laws, rights and privileges of the United States may not apply to me while I am living or traveling overseas. I am subject to the laws of the Program country and those countries in which I will be living or traveling during my participation in the Program and I agree to abide by those laws.
- 18.** I will ensure that DOMINEXT has access to my current emergency contact information for the duration of the Program.



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19. I am aware of and understand the risks and dangers of travel to, in, and around the Program country, including but not limited to the dangers to my own health and personal safety posed by the use of public transportation, and by civil unrest, political instability, terrorism, crime, violence, and disease. By my participation in this Program, I assume, knowingly and voluntarily, each of these risks and all of the other risks that could arise out of or occur during my travel to, from, in, or around the Program country.
20. I hereby release the Dominican Inter Exchange and Training Center (DOMINEXT), including their officers, agents, faculty, staff, employees, representatives and successors, from all responsibility and liability for any delays, delayed or changed departure or arrival times, fare changes, dishonors of hotel, airline or vehicle rental reservations, missed carrier connections, sickness, disease, injuries (including death), losses, damages, weather, strikes, acts of nature, circumstances beyond the control of DOMINEXT, force majeure, war (declared or undeclared), quarantine, civil unrest, public health risks, criminal activity, terrorism, expense, accident, injuries, damage to property, bankruptcies of airlines or other carriers or service providers, inconveniences, cessation of operations, mechanical defects, any failure or negligence in connection with any accommodations, restaurant, transportation, or other service or for any substitution of hotels or of common carriers beyond DOMINEXT's control, with or without notice, or for any additional expense occasioned by any of these events. If due to weather, flight schedules, or other uncontrollable factors I am required to spend additional nights, DOMINEXT will not be responsible for my hotel, transfers, meal costs, or other expenses. My baggage and personal property are transported at my risk entirely; I agree that DOMINEXT shall not be responsible for loss or damage to my baggage or personal effects.

I hereby acknowledge that I have read, understand and will abide by each of the terms and conditions of this *Exchange Program Abroad - Student Agreement* and that I have had the opportunity to consult with the advisor, counselor or attorney of my choice before signing this *Exchange Program Abroad - Student Agreement*.

Participant's Full Name

Participant's signature

Date