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**New Settlement G.O.A.L. Program 2022-23 Participant Agreement** (**G**irls **O**rganized to **A**chieve **L**eadership)

I, (print name) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, hereby agree to comply with all guidelines and expectations as set forth below for participants in the G.O.A.L. Program at New Settlement.

1. I will attend program **every Monday night 6:30-8pm from September 26th – December 12th, 2022 *and* January 23rd – May 15th, 2023; plus 2 Tuesdays per month from September 27th 2022 - May 16th, 2023** for the following classes and college workshops:

✔ ***Taking Care of BusinessSM***, a girls-only health and sexuality education program. This program will be in person. It meets at YAOI office located on 19 E. Mount Eden Ave. In case of extreme bad weather or high Covid numbers Remote sessions will be held on Zoom. But participants will be notified in advance of class.

✔ **College Explorers Workshops** 2 Tuesdays per month, beginning September 27th. These workshops will meet at 19 E Mount Eden Ave from September 2022 – May 2023. Participants will be given a calendar of dates at the 1st class.

✔ Note that Monday classes will resume on January 23, 2023 with ***Living Safe and Strong***, a self-defense and violence prevention program (which requires physical instruction and special equipment). Mondays 6:30-8pm.

✔ Note that Juniors may have the opportunity to enroll in a more intensive college prep course at the College Access Center January-May 2023, which will meet twice a week, 4:30-6pm Tuesdays & Thursdays and will include free SAT prep, as well as targeted college prep workshops and visits to colleges. Juniors who enroll in this option will sign a new agreement in January and may be offered an increase in the monthly stipend (TBD).

2. I will arrive promptly for all workshops, virtual trips and sessions (whether online or in-person) and be prepared to actively participate in activities and discussions. I understand that if I am more than 15 minutes late for a workshop, I might not be able to participate; also, that a lack of participation may result in a loss of stipend.

3. For remote sessions I will keep my video on, unless I have made special arrangement with the staff (i.e. if your internet can’t handle video, or there is an issue with using video in the space you will participate from remotely). *If I arrange to keep my video off, I know that I will still be expected to respond promptly to questions and discussion points, in order to be counted present.*

4. I will uphold the group agreements for all related programs, workshops and trips. This includes agreeing NOT to take any screenshots of remote sessions or saving chats (unless specified in-session). NOTE: Sessions will never be recorded without your consent (in advance). Chats may be temporarily saved by staff for recall purposes but will never been shared in any public way, unless agreed upon by all participants involved.

5. I will show respect for program staff and other participants at all times, including (but not limited to) accepting

differences of opinion, background, personality, style, gender expression and identification and/or sexual orientation.

6. I understand that committing or inciting violence against another participant will not be tolerated under any circumstances, and will jeopardize my enrollment. I understand that cyber bullying another participant via social media may well be considered violence or incitement to violence.

7. I understand that arriving to program (whether remote or in-person) under the influence of drugs or alcohol will be considered disrespectful to both staff and other participants and will both jeopardize my enrollment *and* result in a loss of stipend for that cycle.

**BENEFITS:**

For my regular attendance and participation in the programs, workshops, and/or trips outlined above, and adherence to program agreements, I will be able to:

1. Receive accurate and up-to-date information about the college admissions process.

2. Receive accurate and up-to-date information about sexual and reproductive health (including birth control methods), and healthy relationship training.

3. Request referrals for affordable reproductive health services.

4. Request a one-to-one meeting with any program staff or director, to be arranged at the earliest opportunity (possibly virtually), to discuss my goals or challenges at school or within the Program for Girls & Young Women.

5. Schedule one-to-one college counseling sessions with educational advisors at the College Access Center as needed.

6. Request a letter of recommendation from program director or staff for academic or employment opportunities (such as college applications, scholarship competitions, internships or jobs).

7. Share any suggestions I might have about the structure and content of the program with program staff and directors.

8. For every cycle of 5 consecutive commitments (including Monday night classes and College workshops)

✔ I will receive a **stipend of $50 for perfect attendance,** or

✔ If I have attended **at least 3 of the 5 commitments**, I will receive a **stipend of $25.**

✔ Stipends will be paid by check, which picked up in class once they are ready. Checks will be made payable to you OR a name that you specify (i.e. a relative who can cash or deposit it for you). Mailing address and payee name must be consistent for the semester.

Please choose **who your check should be made out to**:

**Check**. Please make the check payable to: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

And mail it to the following address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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If Participant does not have an ID or bank account, please include a parent or Guardian's name that check should be made out to.

Note that checks will not be requested until after the cycle of 5 commitments has been completed, and take 1-2 weeks to reach the addressee.

I accept that my enrollment in the G.O.A.L. Program is based on my ability to maintain all of these commitments, and that the monthly stipend can be canceled at the discretion of the program director due to: excessive and/or repeated lateness, excessive absences, lack of participation, missing too many of any one component of the program or demonstrated inability to uphold program agreements. I understand that any session or workshop during which I violate program agreements will not count towards my monthly stipend and will jeopardize my enrollment.

Participant Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*The G.O.A.L. Program is a offered in collaboration between New Settlement’s Program for Girls & Young Women and College Access Center. The program also incorporates curriculum developed by Girls Incorporated®, and partners with Morris Heights Health Center, NYC Teens Connection and Montefiore’s Adolescent AIDS Program and others to provide resources, referrals, special presentations and workshops.*