

**COMMUNITY COMMITMENT BY PAY IT FORWARD
VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY AGREEMENT, WAIVER & RELEASE**

I, _____, will be traveling around Columbus, Ohio with The Ohio State University's Office of Student Life (University) on Sunday, September 27, 2026 for the purpose of assisting community leaders, volunteering my time and skills toward projects, objectives and experiences that further the needs of the organizations that Pay It Forward ("Volunteer Activity").

I understand that my conduct while participating in this Volunteer Activity is representative of the University and I will conduct myself in an appropriate manner. I agree to abide by the enclosed Community Commitment Code of Conduct, Code of Student Conduct, university policies, including but not limited to the Non-Discrimination, Harassment, and Sexual Misconduct Policy, as well as all applicable local, state, and federal laws. I further understand and agree that if I fail to follow the instructions of a Community Commitment liaison or community/organization leadership or create an unsafe environment for those around me, I will be immediately removed from the Volunteer Activity and may be sent back to campus at my own financial expense.

I understand that the University will provide transportation to and from the volunteer activity, as well as for all events and activities for the Volunteer Activity, and I accept all risks associated with this travel. I acknowledge that in the event of any pending or future public health crisis, I may be assuming additional risks to my health and safety. Compliance with local health ordinances may result in additional expenses. In the event of presumed or confirmed exposure to any medical condition that may require treatment or quarantine during travel, payment for any medical care will rely on the terms of my insurance coverage and costs may be my responsibility.

I understand and acknowledge that this Volunteer Activity and related travel may involve a risk of personal injury or loss or damage to property. In consideration of my voluntary participation in this Volunteer Activity, I hereby accept all risk to my health and of any injury that may result from such participation and I hereby release The Ohio State University, its Trustees, boards, officers, employees and representatives from any liability to me, my personal representatives, estate, heirs, next of kin, and assigns for any and all claims and causes of action for loss of or damage to my property and for any and all illness or injury to my person that may result from or occur during my participation in the activity, whether caused by negligence of The Ohio State University, its Trustees, boards, officers, employees, or representatives, or otherwise. I further agree to hold harmless The Ohio State University and its Trustees, boards, officers, employees, and representatives from liability for the injury of any person(s) and damage to property that may result from my negligent or intentional act or omission while participating in the Volunteer Activity.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND UNDERSTAND IT TO BE A RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS AND CAUSES OF ACTION FOR MY INJURY OR DAMAGE TO MY PROPERTY THAT OCCURS WHILE PARTICIPATING IN THE DESCRIBED ACTIVITY AND IT OBLIGATES ME TO HOLD HARMLESS THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY FOR ANY LIABILITY FOR INJURY OF ANY PERSON AND DAMAGE TO PROPERTY CAUSED BY MY NEGLIGENT OR INTENTIONAL ACT OR OMISSION.

I hereby warrant that I (or my parent or legal guardian, if I am under the age of 18) am of legal age and competent to enter into this Agreement, that I have read this Agreement carefully, understand its terms and conditions, acknowledge that I will be giving up substantial legal rights by accepting it (including the rights of my spouse, children, guardians, heirs and next of kin, and any legal and

personal representatives, executors, administrators, successors and assigns), acknowledge that I have accepted this Agreement without any inducement, assurance or guarantee, and intend for my acceptance to serve as confirmation of my complete and unconditional acceptance of the terms, conditions and provisions of this Agreement. This Agreement represents the complete understanding between the parties regarding these issues, and no oral representations, statements or inducements have been made apart from this Agreement. If any provision of this Agreement is held to be unlawful, void, or for any reason unenforceable, then that provision shall be deemed severable from this Agreement and shall not affect the validity and enforceability of any remaining provisions.

Registering for the volunteer activity with a BuckID the day of the event constitutes a signature and acceptance of the terms of this agreement, waiver and release.

If Participant is under 18:

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian: _____

Print Name: _____ Date: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

In case of emergency, The Ohio State University's Office of Student Life will contact the emergency contact on file with the student's account.

COMMUNITY COMMITMENT BY PAY IT FORWARD ACTIVITIES AND CODE OF CONDUCT

In choosing to participate in the Community Commitment volunteer activity, I acknowledge that I may be asked to assist with or perform any of the following activities:

- Engage with various community partners and individuals through:
 - Relationship building with volunteer coordinators, park rangers, executive directors, program coordinators/managers.
 - Work alongside other volunteers, including other community members, students on service trips, and fellow Ohio State students.

- Relationships building with clients of community partners such as residents at a shelter for individuals experiencing homelessness, children/youth served by organization, individuals obtaining food and/or supplies from a food bank/pantry or resource center, individuals/communities impacted by natural disaster.
- Actively volunteer with community partners in both indoor and outdoor settings. Activities are subject to the changing needs of the organization and can include, but are not limited to:
 - Trail and park maintenance in various terrains such as removal of plants and/or planting within parks and community gardens, removing debris from paths.
 - Lifting and carrying/transporting heavy objects/materials and spending long periods of time outdoors, standing, and/or sitting.
 - Preparing, packaging, delivering, and/or distributing food/meals or other supplies.
 - Construction, maintenance, and repair projects such as mucking and gutting homes impacted by natural disaster, painting, building accessible ramps, building/setting up furniture, mixing and/or pouring concrete, home construction.
 - Manual labor including digging wells/foundation, use of hand tools or power tools.
 - Completing administrative tasks such as organizing/sorting supplies and/or donations, organizing paperwork/files, creating videos/materials/resources for an organization, cleaning/organizing workspaces.

For my safety and the safety of others participating in the volunteer activities outlined above, I understand that my participation in Community Commitment requires me to follow the rules regarding my conduct throughout the duration of the travel and volunteer activity, including:

- Abiding by the Ohio State University Code of Student Conduct and all applicable University policies, including, but not limited to, University Policy 1.15 and 1.10.
- Following the instructions and rules of Ohio State staff and Community Commitment liaisons at all times.
- Never initiating or becoming involved in any activity that is dangerous to me or others during the course of the travel or volunteer activity.
- Respecting the properties, structures, modes of transportation and areas at and on which activities occur, and observing all rules and regulations of the properties, structures, areas and modes of transportation.
- Bringing and wearing appropriate clothing and footwear at all times.
- Showing respect to others, including non-program participants and the general public.
- Fully participating in group reflection activities related to the service experiences during Community Commitment.