Alternative Spring Break: Haiti 2012

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Alternative Spring Break (ASB) Mission Statement
The mission of the Alternative Spring Break seeks to expose students to diverse cultures and traditions through service and activism, as students are immersed in unique environments. Concepts of social justice, economic disparity, and community outreach are explored through the depths of spirituality, education, and vocational discernment.

Alternative Spring Break 2012 Purpose
The purpose of the Alternative Spring Break is to provide a service learning opportunity for Howard University students willing to commit themselves to a worthy cause by positively impacting the lives of themselves and others.

Alternative Spring Break 2012
Alternative Spring Break 2012 will be continuing its reach by returning to its five primary service areas of the previous year: Atlanta, Chicago, Detroit, D.C., and New Orleans. In addition, Alternative Spring Break 2012 will again provide service to the country of Haiti as its residents recover from the 2010 earthquake. Please be advised that the selection process is very competitive for the Haiti location, in that only a limited number of students will be selected to participate. All applications will be reviewed by a panel of University Administrators and selected applicants will be notified for an interview. Incomplete applications will NOT be reviewed. Students will be notified via email when they are selected for Alternative Spring Break. If not selected for the Haiti location, we will try to accommodate you as best as possible in our Washington D.C. location.
ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK: HAITI 2012
March 10th-17th, 2012

Please read and fill out the application accurately and thoroughly
ALL APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28th AT 5:00 P.M.

Completed applications are to be submitted to:
The Chapel Office (located on the lower level of the Carnegie Building)

Alternative Spring Break 2012: Haiti Application Packet Checklist

- Application
  - Please type this document
- Interest Statements
  - 500-800 word statement responding to: What do you know about the challenges facing Haiti?
  - 500-800 word statement responding to: How can your talents and gifts be used to address the challenges facing Haiti?
  - 100-200 word statement responding to: Why do you want to participate in the ASB trip to Haiti and what do you hope to gain from this experience?
- Recommendation Form
  - To be filled out by an instructor, administrator or advisor
- Supplementary Documents
  - Event Participation Release Agreement & Medical Release
  - Valid and Current U.S. Passport (copy must be legible and current through March 20, 2012)
- Additional Requirements
  - Immunizations must be up to date. If selected, you will be required to acquire all necessary immunizations and provide certification of this within two weeks of notification of your selection.
  - Final candidates will be interviewed as a part of the selection process.
  - Participation in mandatory orientation sessions. If selected, attendance at ALL sessions will be required for actual participation. Dates are currently TO BE DETERMINED:
APPLICATION (Please type)

Personal Information

Howard ID Number @______________________________ Date ___ / ___ / ___

Name__________________________________________________________________

Date of Birth ___/___/___

○ Male ○ Female

Current Mailing Address _________________________________________________

City___________________________ State/Province_______ Zip Code____________

Telephone (___ ) _______- ________ Email_________________________________

Classification (check appropriate box):
O Freshman (First Year Undergraduate Program)
O Sophomore (Second Year Undergraduate Program)
O Junior (Third Year Undergraduate Program)
O Senior (Fourth + Year Undergraduate Program)
O Graduate/Professional

School/College___________________________________________________________

Major/Department_______________________________________________________

T-Shirt Size (select one):

_____ Small    _____ Medium    _____ Large

_____ X-Large    _____ XX-Large    _____ XXX-Large
Emergency Contact Information

Name___________________________________________________________________

                     Last       First       Middle
Relationship_______________________________________

MailingAddress__________________________________________________________

City___________________________ State/Province_______ Zip Code____________

Telephone (____) _______ - ________ Email________________________________

Foreign Languages
Indicate your level of fluency speaking and understanding French:
   ____None   ____Basic   ____Medium   ____Fluent

Indicate your level of fluency speaking and understanding Creole:
   ____None   ____Basic   ____Medium   ____Fluent

I have personally reviewed the above information and attest that it is true to the best of
my knowledge. I understand that the information is strictly confidential and will not be
released to anyone without my written consent, except in an emergency or by Court
Order. I have read the requirements included in this application packet for participation in
this trip and agree to them in their entirety.

____________________________________________________       _____/_____/_____
Signature of Student           Date

Parental/Guardian Permit (must be completed if student is under 18 years of age):

The Law requires that parental permission be obtained for medical treatment of minors. A
parent or guardian should sign the following consent form so that medical treatment may
be promptly carried out. However, no major operation will be performed, except in
extreme emergency, without parent/guardian being contacted and fully informed.

I give permission for such diagnostic procedures as may be deemed necessary for my
daughter/son/ward.

______________________________________________________   _____/_____/_____
Signature of Parent/Guardian          Date

All questions regarding the Alternative Spring Break 2012 application can be sent
to the Alternative Spring Break 2012 Steering Committee at:
HUALTERNATIVESPRINGBREAK@GMAIL.COM

For updates and recent news, follow us: twitter.com/huasb or Join our Facebook
Group: HU Alternative Spring Break 2012
Alternative Spring Break Medical Release

Name: ______________________________ ID Number:@____________________

Medical Information

Do you have any known sensitizations or allergies?
________________________________________________________________________
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Do you have any chronic disabilities or illnesses (past or present)?
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Do you have any health issues that you feel we should be aware of (asthma, respiratory problems…etc)?
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Do you take any medications? Do you need assistance administering these medications? Are there any side effects that you feel we should know about? Any special storage instructions?
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Do you have any restrictions of activity due to medical reasons?
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Do you have any special dietary needs or restriction?
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Health Insurance

Health Insurance Covered by:
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

Address:______________________________________________________________

Policy Number:________________________________________________________
HOWARD UNIVERSITY
EVENT PARTICIPATION RELEASE AGREEMENT

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

This agreement pertains to the proposed participation by the undersigned __________________________________________ in a Howard University event, known as the __________________________ (the “Event”), scheduled for _______________ [date] at the _________________________ [location of site]. In consideration for being allowed to participate, participant and participant’s parent or legal guardian, if participant is a minor or otherwise without capacity (hereafter, “Participant”), hereby agrees to and accept all of the provisions herein.

1. General Release: Participant understands and acknowledges that participation in the Event is entirely voluntary and that any activity, such as the Event involves some element of risk, including the travel to and from the Event. Participant shall not attempt to hold Howard University, its trustees, officers, employees, faculty members, or agents or any other person or entity involved with conducting the Event financially responsible or otherwise liable for any personal injury or death, or for the loss of or damage to any personal property arising out of, during, or in connection with the Event or Participant’s participation therein, including but not limited to any injuries or death resulting from the rendering of emergency medical procedures or treatment, if any, pursuant to paragraph 4 below. It is my express intent that this Covenant Not to Sue and Agreement to Hold Harmless shall bind the members of my family and spouse, if I am alive, and my heirs, assigns and personal representatives, if I am deceased, and shall be governed by the laws of the District of Columbia.

2. Event Changes, Cancellation or Termination: Participant understands and acknowledges that the University reserves the right to make cancellations, changes, or substitutions as it may deem necessary. Should the University cancel the Event for any reason, at its sole discretion, full refunds of Event fees (if any) will be made to those having paid such fees in accordance with current published University policies.

3. Insurance Coverage: The undersigned acknowledges that the University requires that all Participants be covered by appropriate accident and health insurance and that Participants be financially responsible for any and all such expenses. By signing this form Participant represents and warrants that Participant is in compliance with this insurance requirement. Participant further acknowledges that the University recommends that Participants insure any personal property that will be brought, stored, or used on any property of the University.

4. Medical Treatment: Participant acknowledges that while Participant is participating in the Event, an emergency may develop that necessitates medical care, hospitalization, or surgery. The University assumes no responsibility for providing or arranging for such medical treatment. However, should the University undertake to provide or arrange for such treatment it will, to the extent it deems practicable, attempt to contact the person designated below, prior authorizing or arranging for such treatment. What is practicable may vary depending upon the nature of the emergency. Therefore, the undersigned authorizes the University, through any of its employees or agents, to secure any necessary emergency medical treatment on behalf of and at the expense of the Participant, including the administration of anesthesia and surgery. The undersigned acknowledges that such treatment shall be solely at Participant’s expense and the undersigned agrees to reimburse the University for any expenses which it may incur on account of Participant’s injury or treatment.

5. Overseas Medical Treatment: Participant is on notice that not all health insurance plans cover treatment and procedures outside of the United States of America. In the event that the Event includes foreign travel and Participant’s health insurance plan does not cover treatment outside of the USA, Participant should forego the Event. In any event, all liability for any decision to participate in the Event without an adequate health insurance plan rests with Participant.

6. Voluntary or Involuntary Withdrawal or Dismissal: The undersigned acknowledges that all Participants are subject to University regulations, Event guidelines, and laws of the local jurisdiction. In the
event of a violation of these or behavior deemed by the University to be detrimental to the interests of the University, other Participants, or the Event, the University, though its agents conducting the Event, shall have the right at its sole discretion to dismiss Participant from the Event. Such decision to dismiss shall be final.

Participant agrees to pay for all costs arising out of Participant’s voluntary or involuntary withdrawal from the Event prior to its completion for whatever reason, including withdrawal caused by illness or disciplinary action, as set forth above. Participant shall not assert claims for or hold the University, its trustees, employees, officers, faculty, or agents or others involved in conducting the Event responsible for any costs or losses resulting from said Participant’s participation or withdrawal.

7. **Pledge:** Participant hereby agrees to comply fully with the rules of the University and directions by its administrators or agents. Participant further agrees that the University has the right to enforce its standards of conduct and that should Participant fail to comply with them, the University has the right to terminate the Participation in the Event with no refund of money paid, if any. Participant further agrees that the policies of the University may be applied to Participant and that the University shall have the right to exercise the policies of the University.

I, THE PARTICIPANT, HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE PROVISIONS AND AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THEM AS INDICATED BY MY SIGNATURE BELOW.

Participant’s Name______________________________________________________________
(Please Print)

Participant’s
Address__________________________________________________________
(City) (State) (Zip)

Telephone Number__________________________________________________________

Participant’s Signature______________________________________________________Date:

(Parent or Guardian’s Signature, if applicable)

Participant **contact in case of emergency:**

Name______________________________________________________________

Address__________________________________________________________

Telephone Number (Day & Evening):_________________________________________

FAX:______________________________________________________________
Alternative Spring Break 2012 Recommendation Form
(To be turned in with the completed ASB application packet by November 28th at 5pm in the lower level of the Carnegie Building.)

Date ____/____/____

Name of Applicant:________________________________________________________

Name of Recommender:____________________________________________________

Title or Position:__________________________________________________________

Telephone:_________________________ Email:________________________________

Please rate the applicant based on the following. Place a check in the appropriate box for each category: 1-Lowest—5-Highest

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Do you recommend this candidate for acceptance as a participant for Alternative Spring Break 2011? Please provide a detailed explanation. (You may include an additional sheet if desired.)

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