Missouri State
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ATHLETICS EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT – ASSISTANT COACH

This Employment Agreement ("Agreement") is by and between the Board of Governors of Missouri State University ("University") and the employee identified below ("Coach").

By executing this Agreement, the University agrees to employ Coach, and Coach agrees to be employed by University, for the position, sport, and term identified below. In exchange for Coach's services, the University will provide Coach with the compensation, achievement payments (if the contingencies are satisfied), and other benefits and incentives identified below. Coach acknowledges that the terms of employment remain "at will" and subject to termination as outlined in paragraph one of this Agreement.

The parties further agree to be bound by, and that the terms set forth herein are subject to, the Athletics Employment Agreement Terms and Conditions – Assistant Coach, which is incorporated herein by this reference.

Name of Coach: Olivia Applewhite

Position: Assistant Coach

Sport: Women's Basketball

Term: July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

Compensation: $86,520

Achievement Payments:
$2,500 Conference Regular Season Championship or $1,400 Regular Season Co-Championship; and
$2,000 Conference Tournament Championship; and
$750 Per game appearance in the WBIT; or
$1,500 for NCAA At Large Bid; and
$1,500 per win in the NCAA tournament; or $2,500 Win the NCAA Sweet 16, and
$2,500 Win the NCAA Elite 8; and
$5,000 Win a Game in the Final Four; and
$7,500 NCAA Championship Game

Other Benefits and Incentives:
Coach may participate in camps and/or clinics
Use of one (1) automobile

COACH

Olivia C. Applewhite

Olivia Applewhite

07/10/2024

Date

MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY

Dr. Richard B. Williams
President

8-6-24

Date

1. Term and Termination. Coach's employment with the University shall be "at-will" such that either party may terminate this Agreement, with or without cause, at any time. The University may, in its sole discretion, provide 30 days' notice when terminating this Agreement for any reason or no reason at all. This Agreement will automatically terminate at the end of the term identified in this Agreement ("Term"). If the parties do not execute a new agreement but Coach remains employed by the University at the end of the Term, all terms and conditions of this Agreement will continue to govern the parties' relationship.

Examples of when the University may terminate this Agreement, with or without advance notice, in its sole discretion, without owing any continuing obligation to pay Coach's salary or perform any other obligations under this Agreement, include, but are not limited to, the following circumstances:

a. The University's employment of the current head coach of the sport identified in this Agreement ("Sport") ends for any reason; or

b. Coach fails to perform as agreed, Coach otherwise breaches this Agreement, or termination is otherwise appropriate pursuant to the terms of the Employee Handbook; or

c. Appropriations or unencumbered funds adequate to pay the obligations herein created become unavailable for any reason.

2. Duties. Coach's duties are set forth in the job description (as maintained by the University's Office of Human Resources) associated with the position identified in this Agreement. Such job description is incorporated herein by this reference. Coach will be treated as an exempt employee for purposes of applicable wage and hour laws because Coach's duties primarily involve teaching proper skills development to student-athletes and instructing student-athletes on physical health, team concepts, and safety, and because Coach will have a great deal of independent discretion and judgment as to the manner and method of such teaching and instruction. Coach shall faithfully serve the University; perform the aforementioned duties; at all times devote his or her whole time, attention, and energies to his or her duties to the University; and do and perform all services, act, and things the Director of Athletics, the Associate Director of Athletics, and the head coach for the Sport direct.

3. Camps and Clinics. *This section applies only if this Agreement states that Coach may participate in camps and/or clinics as an additional benefit and incentive.* If this Agreement so states, Coach may participate in camps and clinics associated with the Sport for Coach's own benefit, provided that such camps and clinics are owned and operated by other University employees. Coach understands and agrees that, though such camps and clinics may occur on University property, the University does not operate such camps and clinics, the University is not responsible for any liabilities or other matters associated with such camps and clinics, and the University will not compensate Coach for participating in such camps and clinics (compensation is the responsibility of the owner/operator of the camp or clinic). Coach's duties for the University do not include service or participation in camps or clinics, but the University hereby authorizes Coach to participate in camps or clinics for Coach's own benefit as an additional benefit and incentive. Unless this Agreement expressly states to the contrary, Coach is not authorized to use the University's name, logo, likeness, or property to operate or conduct his or her own camp or clinic.

4. Use of Automobile. *This section applies only if this Agreement states that Coach will have use of an automobile as an additional benefit and incentive.* If this Agreement so states, Coach shall be furnished with an automobile, pursuant to a lease agreement with the University, for Coach's business and personal use as long as the University and/or Foundation receives sufficient automobiles (via trade-out with automobile dealers in relation to memberships in The Bears Fund) to fulfill all of the University's commitments to provide automobiles to employees. If insufficient automobiles are available, the University has sole discretion to determine which employees will receive automobiles. The terms of the lease agreement shall control the use, maintenance, and insurance requirements applicable to such automobile; and Coach will be responsible for ensuring compliance with all such requirements. Without limitation to the foregoing, Coach understands and agrees that Coach (and not the University) is individually responsible for maintaining insurance for the automobile.

5. Employee Handbook and University Policies. Coach's employment shall be subject to and governed by the Employee Handbook for Administrative, Professional, and Support Staff Employees ("Employee Handbook") and all other applicable University policies, practices, and protocols. Coach understands and agrees that policies, practices, protocols, and Employee Handbook provisions may be adopted, revoked, and changed at any time with or without notice. Coach's employment is not subject to the Faculty Handbook, and Coach is not entitled to tenure or any other rights, privileges, or protections afforded to faculty. If a conflict exists between the terms/provisions of this Agreement and the Employee Handbook, the terms/provisions of this Agreement are controlling and supersede any conflicting terms/provisions in the Employee Handbook.

6. Professional and Moral Conduct Requirement. It is understood Coach is being employed by the University, by a member institution of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, for the purpose of administering, conducting and coaching intercollegiate athletics. Coach agrees he or she will diligently conduct himself or herself in such a manner that NCAA regulations and codes of conduct now existing or hereinafter enacted, will be fully complied with, in all particulars, including, but not limited to, the following:

a. Participating student-athletes shall deport themselves with honesty and sportsmanship at all times so that intercollegiate athletics as a whole, the institution, and they as individuals, shall represent the honor and dignity of fair play and the generally-recognized high standards associated with wholesome, competitive sports.

b. Staff members of the University's Athletics Department shall not accept compensation or gratuities of any kind whatsoever, either directly or indirectly, for representing a professional sports organization in the scouting or contacting of athletics talent or the negotiating of a contract. In this regard, any compensational arrangement between a professional sports organization and the University's staff member (e.g., for scouting other professional teams or assisting the professional employer in coaching his or her team) shall be considered *prima facie* evidence of an indirect arrangement to assure the staff member's assistance in evaluating or procuring college talent.

c. Staff members of the University, or others serving on NCAA committees or acting as consultants, shall not, directly or by implication, use the NCAA's name or their affiliation with the NCAA in the endorsement of products or services.

d. Staff members of the University's Athletics Department shall not knowingly participate, directly or indirectly, in the management, coaching, officiating, supervision, promotion or player selection or any all-star contest involving student-athletes which is not certified by the NCAA's Extra Events committee.

e. Staff members of the University's Athletics Department shall not represent, directly or indirectly, a student-athlete in the marketing of athletics ability or reputation to a professional sports team or professional sports organization, and shall not receive compensation or gratuities of any kind, directly or indirectly, for such services.

f. Coach is required to provide a written detailed account annually to the University President for all athletically related income and benefits from sources outside the institution. In addition, the approval of all athletically related income and benefits shall be consistent with the institution's policy related to outside income and benefits applicable to all full-time or part-time employees. Sources of such income shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Income from annuities;
- Sports camps;
- Housing benefits (including preferential housing arrangements);
- Country club memberships;
- Complimentary ticket sales;
- Television and radio programs; and
- Endorsement or consultation contracts with athletics shoe, apparel or equipment manufacturers.

g. Coach further agrees that he or she may be suspended for a period of time, without pay, or that his or her employment may be terminated, notwithstanding any other provisions of this agreement, if he or she is found to be involved in deliberate and serious violations of any NCAA regulations.

7. Miscellaneous. The laws of the State of Missouri shall govern this Agreement. The parties agree that any lawsuit arising from any dispute or alleged breach of this Agreement shall be brought in the Circuit Court of Greene County, Missouri. This Agreement contains all terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties, and all prior agreements between the parties are void. This Agreement may be modified only by a written instrument executed by the parties hereto.