



SCHOOL of HUMANITIES AND
SOCIAL SCIENCES

Department of Sociology, Anthropology
and Gerontology

AGREEMENT AND GENERAL RELEASE

MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY FIELD ARCHAEOLOGY COURSE SUMMER 2026

I, the undersigned, an applicant for the Missouri State University (MSU) Summer Field Archaeology course (also referred to as archaeological field school), do waive and release all claims against MSU, its board members, employees and agents, Conco Companies and other archaeological field work site land owners (Releasees) for any injury, loss, damage, accident, or expense incurred while participating in the field school (including but not related to any and all related travel) **EVEN THOUGH THE CLAIM MAY ARISE OUT OF THE NEGLIGENCE OR CARELESSNESS ON THE PART OF Releasees**. I also release the Releasees and **agree to indemnify them**, with regard to any financial obligations or liabilities that I may personally incur or any damage or injury to the person or property of others that I may cause, while participating in this program.

I understand that MSU is not responsible for any injury or loss whatsoever suffered by me during periods of independent travel (which I understand may not be supervised) or during any absence from the program or other unsupervised activities. I hereby grant MSU and its employees and agents full authority to take whatever actions they may consider to be warranted under the circumstances regarding my health and safety, and I fully release them from any liability for such decisions or actions as may be taken in connection herewith. I authorize MSU and its employees and agents, at their discretion, to place me, at my own (or my parents'/guardians') expense, and without my further consent, in the hands of a medical doctor or in a hospital for medical treatment. If deemed necessary or desirable by MSU or its employees and agents, I authorize them to transport me back home or to another appropriate destination at my (or my parents'/guardians') expense for medical treatment.

I will comply with MSU and/or field school rules, standards, and instructions for student behavior and will refrain from consumption of alcohol/drugs during field school hours, including during travel in university vehicles. I understand that this program is co-educational and will include participants of varying backgrounds and agree to conduct myself in a manner that respects the rights and feelings of all participants in the program. I further agree to conduct myself in such a way as not to violate the standards of the community in which we will be working and will comply with all instructions of the course instructor on these matters. I understand that the field school has a **zero tolerance policy for sexual harassment** and it will lead to immediate suspension and possible termination of my participation

I agree that MSU shall have the right to enforce appropriate standards of conduct, and that they may at any time terminate my participation in the MSU program for failure to maintain these standards or for any actions or conduct that MSU, its employees and agents consider to be incompatible with the interest,

harmony, comfort, well-being, or safety of other students or local residents. I understand that, if I leave the program voluntarily for any reason after it begins, there will be no refund of fees except in accordance with MSU's standard tuition refund schedule.

I understand that permission must be granted by MSU or its agents to leave the field site or to engage in any independent/unsupervised activities at or away from the site during class time. I hereby **waive and release all claims** against the Releasees arising at a time when I am not under direct supervision of MSU and its employees and agents or arising out of my failure to remain under such supervision or to comply with such rules, standards, and instructions; and **I agree to indemnify Releasees** against any consequences thereof.

All references in this Agreement and Release to "MSU" shall include Missouri State University and all its governors, administrators, and staff as well as administrators, faculty, staff, and student supervisors directly associated with the field school.

Applicant name _____

If applicant is 21 years of age or older, please read and sign:

I understand and agree to all terms and conditions outlined above. I further understand that this agreement shall become effective only upon receipt of my application by MSU and shall be governed by the laws of the State of Missouri.

Signature of Applicant _____

Date _____

Age _____

If applicant is under 21, applicant and parent/guardian must read and sign:

I certify that I am the parent or legal guardian of the above applicant, and that I have read the foregoing Agreement and Release (including such parts as may subject me to personal financial responsibility), and hereby relinquish any claim that I might have against the Releasees, both in my own behalf and in my capacity as legal representative of the applicant, including without limitation any claim arising as a result of the applicant leaving the supervision of MSU or at a time when applicant has left supervision of MSU.

Signature of Applicant _____

Date _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Date _____