



Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

### LIABILITY RELEASE

I, the undersigned, an applicant of the Centro de Estudios Interamericanos (hereinafter referred to as CEDEI), do waive and release all claims against CEDEI and its agents, any tour organizer, doctors or arranger employed or utilized by CEDEI, and my local school or college, for any injury, loss damage, accident, delay, or expense resulting from the use of any vehicle, any strikes, war, weather, sickness, quarantine, medication, government restrictions or regulations, or arising from any act of omission of any steamship, airline, railroad, bus company, taxi service, hotel, dormitory, restaurant, school, university, or other firm, agency, company, or individual. I also release CEDEI and its agents from any damage or illness to myself as a result of not following doctor's orders 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 the CEDEI program.

I understand that CEDEI is not responsible for any injury or loss whatever suffered by me during periods of independent travel or vacation (which I understand are unsupervised) or during any absence from the University or other CEDEI-supervised activities.

I hereby grant CEDEI and its 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 each of them from any liability for such decisions or actions as may be taken in connection therewith. I authorize CEDEI and its agents, at their discretion, to place me, for my welfare, at my own (or my parents') expense, and without further consent, in a hospital within Ecuador for medical services and treatment or, if no hospital is readily available, to transport me back to the United States by commercial airline or otherwise at my own (or my parents') expense for medical treatment. In the event CEDEI or its agents advance or loan any monies to me or incur special expenses on my behalf while I am abroad, I (or my parents) agree to make immediate repayment upon my return.

I will comply with CEDEI rules, standards, and instructions for student behavior. I hereby waive and release all claims against CEDEI and its agents arising at a time when I am not under the direct supervision of CEDEI or its 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 CEDEI and its agents against any consequences thereof. I agree that CEDEI shall have the right to enforce appropriate standards of conduct, and that it may at any time terminate my participation in the Program for failure to maintain these standards or for any action or conduct which CEDEI considers to be detrimental to or incompatible with the interest, harmony, and welfare of other students. If my participation is terminated, I consent to being sent home at my own (or my parents') expense with no refund of fees.

On group tours or other activities arranged by CEDEI, I will accept the will of the majority whenever a matter of choice is presented to the group. I will also accept in good faith the instructions and suggestions of CEDEI or its agents in all matters relating to the CEDEI program or the personal conduct of program participants. I understand that from time to time CEDEI publicity material may include statements by its students and/or their

photographs, and I consent to such use of my comments and photographic likeness.

I understand that CEDEI reserves the right to cancel, change, or substitute programs in case of emergency, changed conditions, the interest of each group, insufficient number of participants, or otherwise to change initial campus and adviser assignments, and to make alterations in programs and itineraries as may be required. In addition, I understand that fees and logistics are based on certain factors over which the program has no control, such as changes in currency exchange rates, tariffs, curricula, the inflation of other basic costs, or strikes, revolutions, or wars, and are subject to minor change.

I understand that CEDEI is relieved of all liability for items lost in delivery by the U.S. Postal Service or otherwise, or not called for by the participant.

All references in this Liability Release to "CEDEI" and "its agents" shall include the Centro de Estudios Interamericanos and all of its officers, directors, head program advisers, program directors and advisers, group leaders, employees, agents, and affiliated institutions, companies, and host families. All references herein to the "parents" of the applicant shall include the legal guardian or other adult responsible for the applicant.

I have read the terms and conditions set forth herein and in the brochure and understand that they constitute a part of my agreement with CEDEI. I understand and agree to the terms relating to refunds for CEDEI program applicants set forth in the brochure. I further understand that this agreement shall become effective only upon acceptance of my application by CEDEI at its offices in Cuenca, Ecuador.

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Signature of Applicant

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Date

*I certify that I am the parent of 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 responsibility), and hereby relinquish any claim that I might have against CEDEI or its agents (as set forth above), both in my own behalf and including without limitation any claim arising as a result of the applicant's leaving the supervision of CEDEI or at a time when the applicant has left the supervision of CEDEI.*

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Signature of parent or guardian  
(if prospective student is under 18 years of age)

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Date