

**Young Scholars Senior Summit
Scholar Handbook
Summer 2022**



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About the YSSS Program

The Young Scholars Senior Summit (YSSS) program is a three-week, inquiry-based enrichment experience housed at the University of Connecticut exclusively for the [Jack Kent Cooke Foundation](#)'s Young Scholars. The YSSS program will involve the scholars in relevant research activities in authentic situations under the guidance of esteemed university mentors. The scholars will be provided with an opportunity to work with accomplished university professors and/or advanced graduate students on projects in shared areas of interest within an individualized setting.

As part of the YSSS program, scholars will:

- deliberately pursue knowledge and build skills through the mentor sites
- become involved in and pursue activities that matter to them and their communities by picking mentor sites based on their own investigative interest
- develop expertise in one or two things and share that expertise with others during the collaborative mentor site experience, but also as practicing professionals during the culminating event
- “think big” about who they want to be and act in service of their aspirations through their investigative work in the mentor sites, specifically in their acquisition of thinking and feeling processes (e.g., creative thinking, problem solving, critical thinking, affective processes, learning how-to-learn skills, use of advanced-level reference materials, meta-cognitive technology skills, written, oral, and visual communication skills).
- make meaningful connections with people including their cohort, mentors, and counselors.

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Program Schedule

Mentorship Site Meetings

The YSSS program runs from Sunday, July 10 through Saturday, July 30. During these weeks, you should expect to spend 40 hours per week on work for your mentorship site. This will either be done in-person or a combination of in-person and independent work for hybrid sites. All sites will host their first meeting with scholars on Monday, July 11. For those scholars in hybrid sites, you will work with your mentor on a schedule on the first day of the program.

Counselor Meetings

Scholars will meet with their counselor and group each night. Your counselor's role is to serve as a resource as well as to help support you in making progress towards the goals of your mentorship site. If you have any questions or concerns, your counselor is happy to help you.

Academic Showcase

The Academic Showcase will be held Friday July 29. During this time, you and your peer scholars will present the work you completed at your mentorship site.

Evening Activities

Each night scholars will be offered a variety of optional activities that they can participate in. There will also be a College Workshop on July 13 and fieldtrip opportunities.

Program Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nightly Mandatory Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:45 Mandatory Counselor Mtg • 7:00 Mandatory Whole Group Mtg 					8 Residential Staff Arrival	9
10 Scholar Arrival Catered Lunch Program Orientation Tour of Campus Scavenger Hunt	11 Mentorship Sites 9:00 to 4:00 Lab Safety Training for Most Scholars 9:00 to 10:00	12 Mentorship Sites 9:00 to 4:00 Rec Center Gym-Volleyball 4:30 to 5:30	13 Mentorship Sites 9:00 to 4:00 YSSS College Workshop 6:15 to 8:45 Student Q & A (still pending) 9:00 to 9:45 Insomina Cookies	14 Mentorship Sites 9:00 to 4:00 Ryan Parker- Open Mic 7:30 to 9:45 Rome Game Room 7:30 to 10:00	15 Mentorship Sites 9:00 to 4:00 Ryan Parker- Open Mic 7:30 to 9:45 Rome Game Room 7:30 to 10:00	16 Catered Breakfast JKCF – 1 to 1 College Counseling 9:00 to 5:00 Fun Games and Stations Snow Cone Truck 7:30 Rome Game Room 12:00 to 10:00
17 Catered Breakfast Lake Compounce 11:00 to 6:30 Dinner-Catered Rome Game Room 6:30 to 10:00	18 Mentorship Sites 9:00 to 4:00 Rachel – Origami 7:30 to 9:45	19 Mentorship Sites 9:00 to 4:00 Ice Cream Social 7:30 to 8:30 Rome Game Room 7:30 to 10:00	20 Mentorship Sites 9:00 to 4:00 Paint Nights w/ Erica Treaster 7:30 to 9:45 Rome Game Room 7:30 to 10:00	21 Mentorship Sites 9:00 to 4:00 Murder in Ancient Egypt 7:30 to 9:00 Rome Game Room 7:30 to 10:00	22 Mentorship Sites 9:00 to 4:00 Rec Center Gym-KanJam 4:30 to 5:30 Rome Game Room 7:30 to 10:00	23 Catered-Breakfast Holiday Hill 9:15 to 6:00 Dinner-Catered Rome Game Room 7:30 to 10:00
24 Catered Brunch Escape Room and Bowling Field Trip Dinner-Catered Rome Game Room 12:00 to 10:00	25 Mentorship Sites 9:00 to 4:00 Trivia Night – 7:30pm Rome Game Room 7:30 to 10:00	26 Mentorship Sites 9:00 to 4:00 Rec Center Gym-Activity TBD 4:30 to 5:30 Rome Game Room 7:30 to 10:00	27 Mentorship Sites 9:00 to 4:00 Karaoke Night (still pending) 7:30 to 9:45 Rome Game Room 7:30 to 10:00	28 Mentorship Sites 9:00 to 4:00	29 Academic Showcase 9:00 to 2:30 YSSS Dinner Open Mic Night Rome Game Room 6:00 to 10:00	30 Leave Campus

Netiquette

In addition to upholding the expectations described in the *YSSS Program Policies, Consents, and Liability Waiver Form*, scholars are expected to conduct themselves with etiquette when working within a virtual community. To that end, scholars should be cognizant that their presence contributes to the reputation of the Young Scholars Senior Summit Program and therefore has the potential to impact recruitment of mentors for future iterations of the program.

In support of punctuality in attendance and accomplishment of tasks, scholars are responsible for reviewing their each day throughout the program. Scholars are expected to respond in a timely manner (within 48 business hours or by specified deadlines) to all program communications from YSSS staff, mentors, and counselors. If you fail to respond to communications from the YSSS program within a timely manner, the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, your educational advisor, and parents will be notified. Finally, effective communication necessitates clarity. If scholars have a question at any point, mentors, counselors, and YSSS staff are more than happy to answer them.

Virtual Resource Tutorials

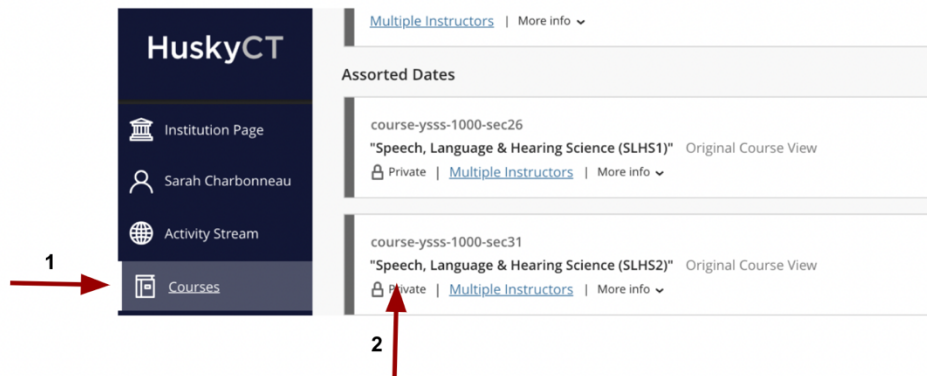
Setting Up Your NetID

1. Look for an email from UConn about activating your NetID. Follow the steps in that email or as written below:
 - a. Register your UConn NetID [here](#).
 - b. Under 'Activate NetID', click the 'Activate' button.
 - c. Enter the NetID shown in the NetID activation email from UConn and click 'Continue'.
 - d. Choose "Activate Using Activation Code"
 - e. Enter the Activation Code shown in the NetID activation email from UConn and click the **Activate** button.
 - f. Set your password using the letters, numbers, and symbols shown.
 - g. When you have successfully set your new password, a confirmation message will be displayed.
 - h. Please note that you will **not** be able to register your NetID using the last 4 digits of your social security number because UConn was not provided with this information.
2. If you did not receive an Activation Code from UConn, you can send an email to the UITS help center at UConn (help@uconn.edu) to have them send you a new activation code (To protect your privacy, they will not share this code with us). Please ensure that email contains the following information:
 - a. Your NetID (email Rae at rae.slattery@uconn.edu if you need this information to be resent to you)
 - b. Your personal email address
 - c. Your birthdate

Accessing HuskyCT

1. Open <https://huskyct.uconn.edu/> in your web browser
2. Login with your NetID and password

3. On the left-most navigation panel, click on “courses”
4. Click on your YSSS Program: 2022 section



Library Resources: Literature Review

- Go to the library’s website by entering <https://lib.uconn.edu/> into your web browser.
- Choose research database (if you know which one to use).

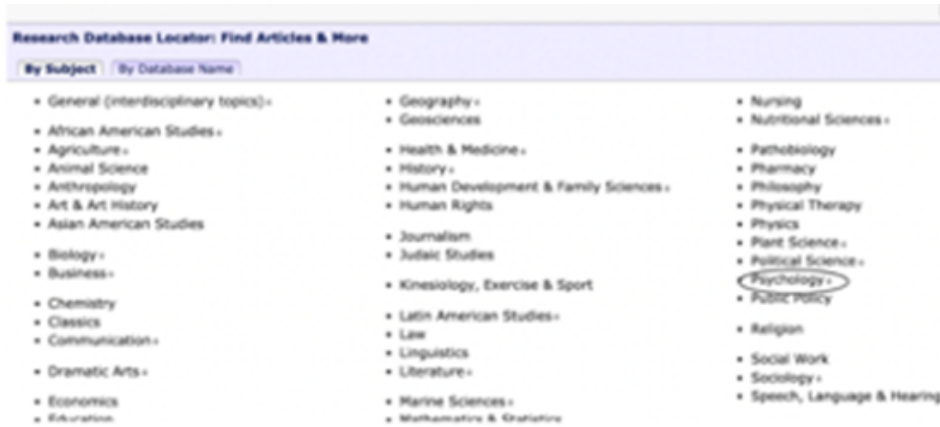
OR

Choose research guide (if you do not know which databases to use and/or need further guidance).

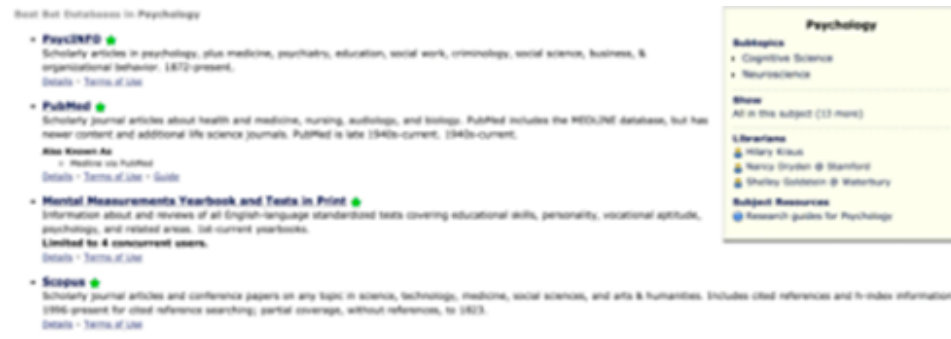
- NOTE: you may be asked to log in with your NetID and password



- From research databases



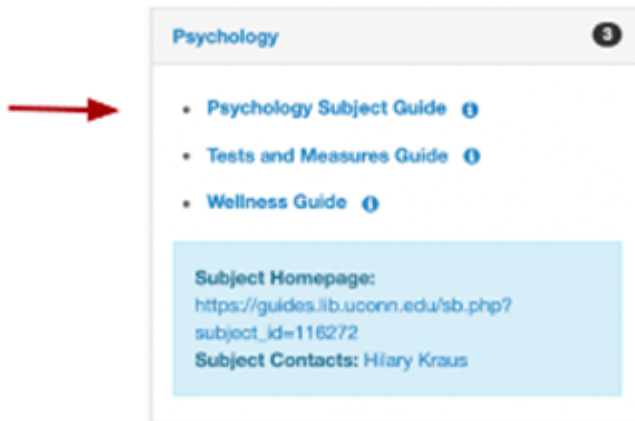
- Search a few of the suggested databases for relevant articles



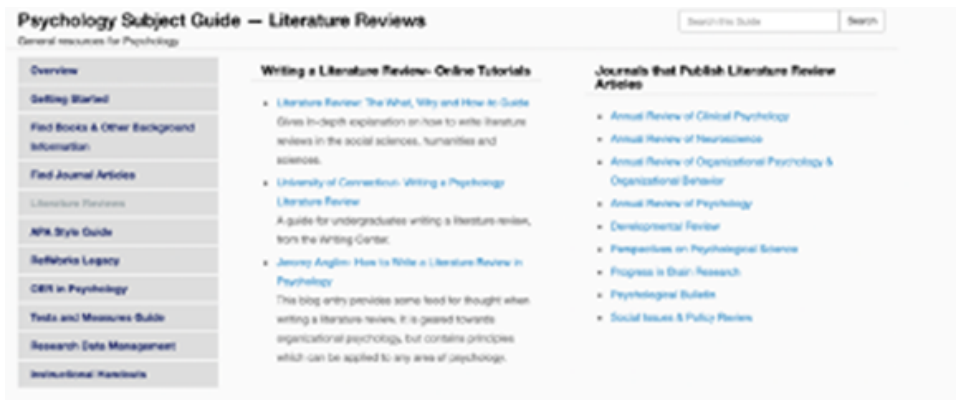
- From research guides choose the subject area of your mentorship site.



- Choose the [subject name] subject guide



- Review any of the areas you may need help with (e.g., discipline-specific formatting and citations, search terms, databases)



Tips for picking quality resources:

- There are subject specific databases as well as general databases. Make sure you consider what database to use when researching (subject specific is usually best).
- Go to advanced search to control the quality of resources you are shown.
 - Select peer-reviewed sources to ensure others in the field have read the article to ensure validity.
 - Select linked full text to only show articles for which the entire text is available.
- Consider the institution affiliation
 - For example, university affiliation might suggest academic purpose for the article while a company affiliation may mean a monetary motivation.
- Author credentials
 - Are they a part of the field in which the research is being conducted? What is their education and experience?
- Date of research/article
 - Fields can change rapidly so consider the date of all resources. Research from older dates may no longer be current or new data may be available.

Accessing University Software

Note that in *AnyWhere*, the commands on your computer may not work (e.g. *ctrl + c*) because you are really accessing a desktop at the University of Connecticut.

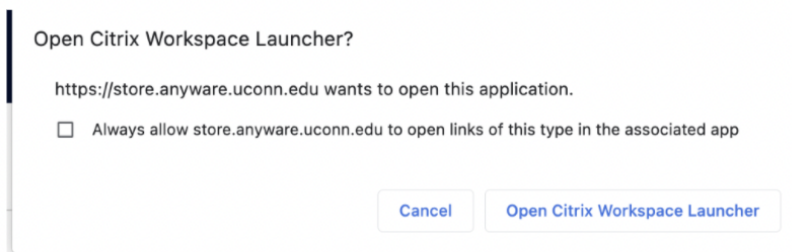
1. Enter <https://software.uconn.edu/uconn-software-online/> in your web browser
2. Click on *Launch AnyWare*



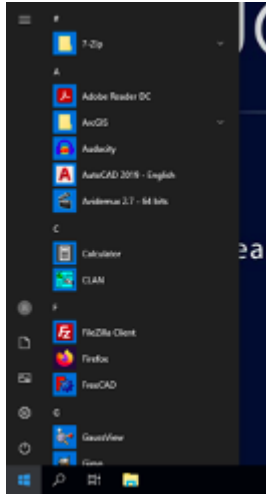
3. Enter your NetID and password
4. Click on the *AnyWare Desktop* icon



5. Click on *Open Citrix Workspace Launcher*



6. Click the Start menu to view applications or search for the application name



YSSS COVID Policies and Procedures

Prevention

- The YSSS program will follow all the University of Connecticut's guidelines regarding symptom notification, face masks, and physical distancing. Please visit <http://covid.uconn.edu> for the current UConn COVID-19 Policy.
- Prior to the start of the program, all scholars and their parents/guardians will be asked to attest online that they have not been sick and have no reason to believe they have been exposed to COVID-19 14 days before the start of the program.
- Each of the scholars will be mailed a face mask prior to their arrival at the program and will be encouraged to wear it while traveling to avoid any potential COVID infections.
- Scholars will be provided with the YSSS Sickness Notification Procedures (see next page) upon their arrival at the program. This document details the procedures for notifying YSSS staff if any of the scholars start to experience symptoms. All scholars will be responsible for monitoring their own health and symptoms and notify YSSS staff immediately if they become ill. Thermometers will be available for the scholars to use if they would like to check and track their temperatures during the program.
- The YSSS program will provide each scholar with their own hand sanitizer and have extra hand sanitizer available for refills. The program will remind the scholars to use hand sanitizers or wash their hands prior to touching their mask or face as well as prior to eating at least once per week during the mandatory meetings.

Testing

- If any participating scholars indicated they are not feeling well or suspect they have been exposed to COVID-19, the YSSS program staff will bring them to the UConn Health Center Urgent care facility within downtown Storrs. If this facility is closed, the YSSS program staff will bring the scholar directly to the emergency room.
- The YSSS program has some antigen tests available for scholars to use if necessary.

Isolation/Quarantine

- The YSSS program has reserved 4 beds on the second floor of Wilson as quarantine and isolation space in case any of the participants test positive for COVID during the program. All YSSS participants will follow the current UConn guidelines regarding quarantining and isolation (<http://covid.uconn.edu>).
- UConn has arranged for catering department to provide food delivery to any YSSS participant in quarantine and/or isolation during the program.

Notification

- All YSSS participants and their parents/guardians have attested prior to their arrival at the program to notify Lisa Muller if the scholars test positive for COVID-19 within 14 days following the end of the program.
- The YSSS program will follow UConn policies contract tracing the disclosing of potential exposure to the COVID-19 virus.

YSSS Sickness Notification Procedures

A participant of the YSSS program, it is your responsibility to monitor your own health and symptoms and notify the YSSS staff immediately if you become ill at any time during the program. The YSSS program has thermometers available for participants to use if they would like to check and track their temperatures during the program.

Please note if you are too ill to go to your mentorship site, the YSSS staff will bring you to the UConn Health Urgent Care in downtown Storrs.

If you experience any of the following symptoms, please notify your counselor or your Senior Counselor. Your counselor or Senior Counselor will notify the Residential Director who will make the arrangements necessary to take you to the UConn Health Urgent Care or the local emergency room for COVID-19 testing.

- Fever
- New or worsening cough not related to allergies or air temperature
- Shortness of breath or chest tightness
- Sore throat
- Vomiting and/or diarrhea
- Extreme fatigue
- Loss of sense of taste and/or sense of smell
- Persistent muscle aches

The Residential Director will notify the Executive Program Director, Lisa Muller before taking any scholars off-campus to receive medical treatment. If a scholar receives a COVID-19 test, the results must be shared with the Residential Director, who will share the results with the YSSS program staff and Lisa Muller. If necessary, Lisa Muller will be responsible for notifying any parents/guardians and the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation of positive test results and anyone who may have been exposed to the virus.

By my signature, I **acknowledge** that I have read, understand, and **agree** to the YSSS notification procedures regarding COVID-19.

Scholar Name (Print):	Scholar Signature:	Date:

YSSS Rules for Participants

Read by Sarah at first full camp meeting (Sunday, July 10)

Timeliness

1. You must be on time for all mandatory activities
 - a. Mentorship Site at time agreed upon by Mentor(s)
 - b. 6:45 Counselor Group Meeting and 7:00 Large Group Meeting
 - c. Mandatory Evening Programming
 - d. Weekend Field Trip Departure Times
2. Curfew is strictly enforced
 - a. 10:00 in the building
 - b. 10:30 in your suite
3. Dormitory Quiet Hours: Sunday to Thursday: 10:00pm to 7:00am; Friday and Saturday 12:00am to 7:00am

Safety

4. When outside the dorm, you should ALWAYS be with another person from the YSSS program. The only exception is if you are working at a site alone.
5. You must wear your name badge for the first week of the program.
6. Do not lose your key/One Card. If you lose your card or key, you will be required to pay to get new ones.
7. You must be with a staff member after 7:00 PM to leave the dorm.
8. You are expected to be at your site or the hybrid classroom every day. If you do not feel well enough to go to site or the classroom, contact your counselor who will then bring you to the walk-in clinic.
9. You should only be spending time with members of YSSS or JKC Foundation. You may not make plans to hang out with individuals outside these organizations.
10. One half of the hall is solely reserved for those who identify as female, and the other half is solely reserved for those who identify as male. NO EXCEPTIONS! The first floor (112 and 113) and the community rooms are open for use for those of both genders. I will be located in room 218 if you need me.
11. There can be AT MOST 12 people in a suite at a time.

Communication

12. Please use GroupMe for staff and participant communication.
13. You are expected to be at your site every day. You must communicate with your counselor if there are any scheduling changes with your site.
14. You should be present in the dining hall at all mealtimes. It is your responsibility to check in with a counselor in-person during meals in the dining hall.
15. Communicate with your counselor if there are any issues, concerns, or problems. Feel free to share the good stuff, too!

16. If there is an emergency, call your counselor immediately. If they do not pick up, call Sarah or Lisa. If it is a serious emergency, call 911 first before contacting program staff.

Respect for People and Spaces

17. You must show respect to everyone in the program: students, counselors, staff, mentorship sites, and dining hall staff.
18. Be especially respectful of roommate needs.
19. Cell phone use during meetings and presentations is not allowed. Cell phone use at a mentorship site is only appropriate when allowed by mentors.
20. Keep all public spaces (both in and out of the dorm) as well as your bathroom, living space, and bedrooms clean and orderly. Participate in mandatory weekly suite cleaning.
21. Bring all garbage to garbage bins in your hallway
22. Laundry facilities are provided. This is a public space so be sure to be careful leaving clothes unattended. Leave the space clean. We have laundry detergent if you need it.

YSSS Program Policies, Consents, and Liability Waiver

University of Connecticut (“UConn”) Young Scholars Senior Summer Program YSSS Program Policies, Consents, and Liability Waiver Form

ATTENTION PARENTS/GUARDIANS AND PARTICIPANTS:

Instructions:

- As scholars are minors, both they and their parents/guardians are responsible for reading this entire document and providing a signature on the last page of the form. Your signatures will indicate your understanding and agreement of the contents of this document.
- Upload the Liability Waiver Signatures Page (**only Page 14**) to your YSSS registration. A completed page includes hand signatures and dates from both participants and their parents/guardians. Please note that this form consists of 14 pages, but only the Signatures Page (page 14), must be submitted on your online registration with a copy of your health insurance card.

The following sections are included in the Program Policies, Consents, and Liability Waiver Form:

- Participation Agreement (pages 2-11)
 - Program Regulations (pages 2-5)
 - Residence Hall Regulations (pages 6-7)
 - Violation of Rules and Regulations (page 8-9)
- Consent to Photography (page 9)
- Consent for Transportation (pages 9-10)
- Consent for Field Trips (page 10)
- Consent for R-Rated Movies (page 10)
- Consent for Use of Scholar’s Quotes in Future Publications (page 10)
- Consent for Athletic/Recreational Activities (page 10)
- Consent to Use UConn Recreational Center (page 11)
- Liability Release (pages 12-13)
- Signatures Page (page 14)
 - This page is to be uploaded to the participants’ YSSS registration

For questions regarding this form contact **Lisa, Muller**, Executive Program Director, (860) 486-4676 or at lisa.muller@uconn.edu

PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

YSSS Program Regulations

The following rules and regulations apply to all scholars, regardless of age at time of YSSS attendance. Failure to comply with any of the following will lead to disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal from the YSSS program.

Attendance & Participation. Scholars are expected to attend their mentorship site daily. While the majority of the evening activities will be chosen based on scholar interest, there will be a few mandatory events including the mandatory meeting every night at 7:00pm. Scholars are expected to be punctual and to participate in a respectful manner. If the scholar is too ill to go to their mentorship site, YSSS staff will take them to the UConn Health Urgent Care in Storrs Center. If a scholar is going to be late arriving or returning from/to their mentorship site or a mandatory meeting, the scholar must contact a staff member (in most cases, their assigned Counselor, Senior Counselor, or the Resident Director). Recurring tardiness or absenteeism will lead to notification of the parent/guardian and may lead to dismissal from the YSSS program.

Supervision. The YSSS program is a 3-week residential mentorship experience for mature, self-motivated, rising senior Young Scholars. Scholars are responsible for/to get themselves up and ready in the morning, eat meals, attending mentorship sites, completing site work, and engaging in activities. The ability of Scholars to follow the YSSS program and University rules, Federal, State, and local laws, and to act independently in a supportive college setting is required.

Although participants will always have contact information for YSSS program residential staff members while attending the program, staff and/or faculty supervision is provided during the following scheduled activities: social and recreational activities, synchronous mentorship meetings, and hybrid mentorship work time. Following curfew in the residence hall, scholars are under the general supervision of residential staff who address participants' needs during their stay with the program. During free time and social and recreational activities, participants may choose to engage in independent, small, or large group activities of their choosing.

Online Conduct. Scholars must turn their camera on during program activities and mentorship meetings. Scholars may, however, change or blur their backgrounds during virtual meetings for their own comfort. In virtual meetings of three or more individuals, scholars should be cognizant of muting themselves when others are speaking.

Dress Code. Scholars must wear attire appropriate for a professional environment during mentorship site times. More casual attire is acceptable during social and recreational activities. Clothing and accessories may not display language or graphics that depict drugs, alcohol, tobacco, gangs, violence, discrimination, or vulgar language. Please note that closed toe shoes will be required to work in all university labs.

Harassment, Hazing, Intimidation and/or Bullying. Scholars must show respect for the rights and safety of others in the community and must not engage in any form of harassment, hazing, intimidation or bullying. This includes any behavior, whether in-person, in groups, or through other mediums (e.g., handwritten notes, phone calls, texting, social media platforms), intended to offend or intimidate another person, including participants, staff, or faculty.

Participation in any form of harassment, hazing, bullying, or intimidation is grounds for immediate dismissal from the program. Prohibited conduct includes sexual violence, sexual harassment, and/or sexual assault. Parents/guardians and participants may familiarize themselves with [UConn's Policy Against Discrimination, Harassment, and Related Interpersonal Violence \(https://policy.uconn.edu/2015/12/29/policy-against-discrimination-harassment-and-related-interpersonal-violence/\)](https://policy.uconn.edu/2015/12/29/policy-against-discrimination-harassment-and-related-interpersonal-violence/), by which Program participants and staff abide.

Alcohol, Drugs, and Illegal/Prohibited Behavior. Scholars must abide by all applicable Federal, State, and local laws and UConn policies, codes, and procedures (<https://community.uconn.edu/student-behavior/>) as well as all Program rules and regulations. Any scholar who endangers his or her own health or safety or the health or safety of another participant, staff member, or faculty member will be subject to disciplinary action.

Consumption, possession, or being in the presence of alcohol or illegal drugs is grounds for immediate dismissal from the Program, as is possession or use of drug paraphernalia, firearms, knives, other weapons, or fireworks.

Sexual Activity. Scholars may not engage in any sexual activity with another individual during the program.

Tobacco Policy. Tobacco use (including vaping and e-cigarettes is prohibited). Scholars found in possession of tobacco or tobacco products will be subject to disciplinary action.

Property Damage and/or Vandalism. The parents/guardians of YSSS scholars will be financially responsible for any damage or loss suffered by UConn and/or any YSSS program-affiliated locations/events caused by their child/ward.

Available Health Services and Medication. UConn Health Urgent Care or other appropriately deemed medical services will provide YSSS scholars with appropriate medical and mental health services. These services may include providing medications for treatment of illnesses/injuries. The YSSS staff will provide access to these services including arranging for emergency medical care, as needed.

In the case of a health or safety situation, UConn Health Urgent Care and/or other medical services may disclose information about scholars' medical records (including treatment, payment, healthcare operations, etc.) to appropriate University personnel,

parents/guardians, and/or listed emergency contacts. Parents/guardians will assume financial responsibility for all expenses of such care. This authorization is given in advance of any such medical treatment and is given to provide authority and power on the part of the University of Connecticut in the exercise of its best judgment upon the advice of any such medical or emergency personnel.

An onsite nurse will not be present to administer medication to participants. It is the participant's responsibility to secure and self-administer any necessary prescribed medications. The YSSS program will not provide any prescription medication. Should medication require refrigeration, a mini refrigerator can be requested for the dormitory room.

COVID Policy. In alignment with the University of Connecticut's COVID-19 guidelines, all YSSS participating scholars will be required to follow University COVID-19 requirements. Detailed information about the policies are available at: [Novel Coronavirus Disease \(COVID-19\) Information | Student Health and Wellness \(uconn.edu\)](https://uconn.edu/student-health-wellness). Please note that all participating scholars will be asked to provide proof of COVID vaccination as part of the program registration. Only fully vaccinated and boosted scholars are eligible to participate in YSSS per University of Connecticut guidelines.

In the event a scholar tests positive for COVID-19 during the YSSS program, the YSSS staff will immediately notify the parent/guardian of the diagnosis. In addition, YSSS staff will follow all University of Connecticut guidelines regarding quarantining and isolation as additional rooms will be reserved for these purposes.

Emergency Contact Notification Policy. In the event of an emergency, appropriate University personnel will make necessary efforts to contact parents/guardians of YSSS scholars. In the case that contact cannot be made with parents/guardians, YSSS staff will attempt to contact provided emergency contacts. In the extreme case that staff cannot contact parents/guardians and/or listed emergency contacts, University/YSSS staff will make decisions based on the emergency.

Proof of Insurance Coverage. All participants should be enrolled in health care insurance while attending the YSSS in the event of receiving medical services. For this reason, participants are required to carry a photo ID and health insurance card. You will be instructed to upload a copy of your insurance card for our files. If the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation will be providing insurance for you during the program, there will be an opportunity to indicate this on the registration form.

Use of Visual/Audio/Mobile Technology Device Policy. The YSSS program is committed to providing an environment that is conducive to learning. When participating in an organized event/activity, and while at their mentorship sites, participants are to keep distracting technology on silent/turned off, and be put away, unless otherwise noted.

Use of cell phones, cameras and other visual or audio devices is prohibited in restrooms, showers, lockers rooms or other changing areas. Scholars should be respectful of all individuals and should ask permission of others prior to taking and/or sharing photos, videos, and other media.

Computer/Technology Policy. The use of university-owned computer resources and technology for purposes other than academic research and mentorship site work is prohibited.

Motor Vehicle Policy. Scholar's use of a motor vehicle during the YSSS program is not allowed. Transportation for weekend field trips will be by charter bus or shuttle. Transportation for mentor-led field trips and some program activities will be by mentors' or staff members' personal vehicles or by a program-chartered 7-passenger van. Only approved program staff will drive the van.

Please note: Students in sites located at the other UConn campuses (e.g., Law School, Health Center, Avery Point) will travel daily by the rented YSSS van with program staff to their mentorship site, Students in other sites may be given the opportunity to travel with program staff/mentors to off-campus locations for aspects of their site. If you have questions about this, please contact the YSSS office.

Visitors. Parents and immediate family members (e.g., siblings; siblings under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent) may visit scholars on Sundays at the residence hall before or after the mandatory field trips only and may take scholars off campus. Scholars who leave campus with parents are required to sign out with counselors on duty and be back at the residence hall by 7 p.m. Please contact the YSSS office at 860-486-4676 or lisa.muller@uconn.edu prior to any visits from parents and immediate family members.

Scholars may not have visits from friends, unless the friends accompany a participant's parents/guardians to campus. Visitors may only visit the common areas of the residence hall and may not go onto a participant's floor. The only exception to this rule is on move-in day (July 9-10, 2022) and move-out day (July 29-31, 2022). Visitors are not permitted to stay overnight in the residence hall.

There shall be no unsupervised or unauthorized meetings with individuals not associated with the YSSS program (e.g., YSSS staff, mentors) during the 3-week program.

Disciplinary Sanctions. Failure to abide by the YSSS program and Residence Hall rules and regulations (below), laws, policies, codes and procedures, or failure to respect the authority of YSSS staff members in their enforcement, may result in sanctions including, but not limited to:

- Parental/Guardian Contact
- Limitations on Program events/activities
- Verbal and/or written warnings

- Restitution for property damage
- Dismissal from the Program

Residence Hall Regulations

All YSSS scholars will reside in UConn residence halls, and YSSS scholars (“Residents”) must abide by all applicable regulations. Living on campus at the University of Connecticut is a privilege and is treated as such. Expectations of community living include, but are not limited to, sharing, and negotiating the use of space with others, treating others with respect, communicating with roommates/suitemates as well as floor-mates, and cooperating with YSSS staff and policies.

All Residents must accept responsibility for creating an environment that promotes individual growth and builds community through the safe, respectful exchange of diverse thought, opinion, and feeling.

Residents who violate any of these regulations may be subject to dismissal from the program.

Community Living Standards. All Residents are expected to be respectful and responsible members of the communities within UConn residence halls. Residents are expected to refrain from actions that prevent individuals from having a safe and respectful community living experience.

Health & Safety Standards. Any activity deemed to be a threat to the health and safety of Residents is strictly prohibited. Basic health standards are expected to be upheld regarding sanitary conditions, hygiene, and appropriate use of bathrooms and common areas. It is expected that Residents will keep kitchen areas, bathrooms, hallways, lounges, and their assigned rooms clean. Cleaning services will not be provided, and therefore Residents must keep their room clean and discard of any trash in the provided trash rooms located on their floor. Linen services will be provided on a weekly basis, and Residents will be responsible for placing their soiled linens in the hallways on assigned days for replacement.

Health & Safety Inspections. UConn staff reserves the right to enter residence hall rooms without the consent of the occupant to provide for the general well-being and protections of the community, its members and property. YSSS residential staff may conduct inspections to seek out and correct potentially dangerous situations before they cause damage or harm. If violations are observed in the case of an inspection, they may be reported.

Security Regulations. Safety and Security are a shared responsibility of YSSS staff and Residents. Residents should always carry and never lend out their Program conference card or room key. All residential areas are secured 24 hours a day. Residents should **always lock their room doors**. When exiting on-campus housing through locked exterior doors, Residents are responsible for leaving the doors locked. Residents are prohibited from propping, tampering with and/or vandalizing doors.

Guests and Visitation. Residents may only occupy the residence hall during their scheduled session and may not have guests or visitations of any kind, including former Program participants. Family members and authorized adults are prohibited from entering the residence halls, except during the Program's scheduled check-in and check-out times.

Curfew Policy. Residents must be on their respective floors by 10:00 PM and in their assigned rooms for the night by 10:30 PM.

Noise Policy. Residents must comply with requests to reduce excessive noise. At no time should any amplified sound be directed out of Residents' windows.

Disorderly Conduct. Excessive noise, use of stereos, radios, or sound amplification equipment, rowdiness, hall sports, or other loud and disruptive actions in residence halls and around campus will not be tolerated.

Furniture Policy. Each residence hall room is furnished with UConn furnishings, which must remain in the Residents' rooms at all times. In addition, lounge and game room furnishings must remain in public areas and be respected at all times. Parents/guardians of Residents may be held financially responsible for costs associated with replacing missing or damaged furniture, games, fixtures and/or removing unauthorized furniture or game pieces from their rooms, lounges, or game rooms.

Window Screen Policy. Window screens must remain on windows at all times.

Candle/Incense Policy. Candles, lit or unlit, are not permitted in resident rooms. Recreational use of candles is prohibited in all areas of the residence halls. Incense, lit or unlit, is not allowed in the residence halls for fire safety reasons.

Pet Policy. UConn prohibits pets in the residence halls.

Alcohol, Drugs, Firearms, etc. Consumption, possession, distribution, or being in the presence of alcohol or illegal drugs is grounds for immediate dismissal, as is possession or use of drug paraphernalia, firearms, knives, other weapons, or fireworks.

Room Key and Conference Card Policy. All residence hall keys must be returned at the conclusion of the Program. There is a \$100 fee for each lost room key and a \$7 fee for each lost conference card. Students will be responsible for any lost keys or conference cards.

Interpretation and Additional University Policies. Any question of interpretation regarding policies included in this document shall be referred to the Lisa Muller, Executive Program Director for final determination. For additional information about University policies and codes, please see <http://policy.uconn.edu/> and visit <http://community.uconn.edu/> to review *The Student Code*.

Violations of Rules and Regulations

The following behaviors will be deemed unfavorable acts as per the YSSS policy and will result in an **automatic dismissal** from the program. This is including but not limited to:

- Possession or use of weapons and dangerous devices including knives, BB guns, etc.
- Possession or consumption of illegal drugs or substances including marijuana and alcohol
- Violent and/or dangerous actions that pose a threat to oneself or others that require immediate police intervention
- Having a guest in the residence hall
- Sexual activity in any area of the University
- Sexual violence, and/or harassment and/or assault
- Taking and/or sharing sexually explicit images and other media
- Willful participation in or perpetration of any action which results in personal harm, property destruction, or theft (including shoplifting). This includes property of other participants and staff, as well as university property
- Hazing, harassment or intimidation of others (see Harassment, Hazing, Intimidation and/or Bullying policy above in Program Regulations section)
- Fighting and/or physical aggression towards participants, staff, or others
- The setting of, or participation in unauthorized fires; the unauthorized or improper possession, use, removal, or disabling of fire safety equipment and warning devices; failure to follow standard fire safety procedures; or interference with firefighting equipment or personnel.

The following behaviors will be deemed unfavorable acts as per the YSSS policy and will result in **potential dismissal** from the program. This is including but not limited to:

- Being found in a bedroom/suite or area/hallway of a floor to which you are not assigned
- The use of computer resources and technology for inappropriate purposes as deemed by the YSSS staff
- Disturbing the peace in any form within hallways, buildings, and general University property
- Disorderly conduct as deemed inappropriate by the YSSS staff
- Violation of curfew policy
- Verbal aggression and/or threats towards participants, staff, or others
- Bullying (in-person, in groups, cyber-bullying or using social media) for the purposes of being mean, exclusive, or engaging in behavior intended to offend or intimidate another person
- Disrespectful conduct and unwillingness to follow directions during any event/activity sponsored by the Program
- Possession or use of candles, incense, or other burning devices
- Entering the room of another scholar without permission
- Inappropriate entry into or behavior in university building

- Driving or riding in any motor vehicle other than the transportation provided by the mentors, staff, or a parent visitor on Sundays
- Unsupervised and unauthorized meetings with individuals not associated with the YSSS program.

Appeals Process

In the event that a scholar's conduct is deemed grounds for dismissal, the offending scholar, their parent(s)/guardian(s), and the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation will be alerted via written electronic communication, including the reason for the dismissal.

If the scholar would like to appeal this decision, he/she has 24 hours from receipt of the dismissal notice to send an email to Lisa Muller (lisa.muller@uconn.edu) [addressing the following](#):

- The scholar's rationale for why he/she should be readmitted to the program.
- His/her resolution to ensure appropriate conduct if reinstated.

The scholar, their guardian(s)/parent(s), and the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation will be notified whether the appeal has been approved or denied within 48 hours of receipt of the appeal. Until a decision regarding the appeal is shared, the scholar may not visit his/her mentorship site nor engage in any YSSS evening activities. Scholars dismissed from the program will be prohibited from further contact with their mentorship site and barred from all remaining program events.

CONSENT TO PHOTOGRAPHY

During YSSS, we will be taking promotional photographs and video of participants in their daily activities with the mentors and program staff. We may use these photographs and video for promotional purposes, such as placement in newspaper articles, in our promotional literature, on our website, or other social media outlets.

I hereby authorize the YSSS Program and the University of Connecticut to photograph/and or video record my child during the Program, and use or distribute any picture or video related to Program activities that my child is depicted in. I also authorize the use of these materials for publication in brochures, on the websites, or other University of Connecticut promotional material. These materials may also be distributed to other YSSS program participants and the sponsoring agency (Jack Kent Cooke Foundation), including but not limited to a YSSS program group picture of all participants.

CONSENT FOR TRANSPORTATION

Transportation for weekend field trips will be by charter bus. Transportation for mentor-led field trips and some program activities will be by mentors' or staff members' personal vehicles or by a program-chartered 7-passenger van. Only approved program staff will drive the van.

Please note: Students in sites located at the other UConn campuses (e.g., Law School, Health Center, Avery Point) will travel daily by the rented YSSS van with program staff to their mentorship site, Students in other sites may be given the opportunity to travel with program staff/mentors to off-campus locations for aspects of their site.

As the parent/guardian, I give the YSSS program permission to arrange any transportation for my child/ward to and from program sponsored events, in vans, buses or other vehicles driven or arranged by the program.

I understand that this is a service provided to participants that involves transportation to another area, both on or off campus. Therefore, the program will not be held liable in the event of an accident pursuant to the liability release.

CONSENT FOR FIELD TRIPS

All participants of Young Scholars Senior Summit Program will be going on field trips on weekends which may Saturday and/or Sunday, July 16-17 and July 23-24 and Friday and/or Saturday, July 29-July 30, 2022. **These field trips are mandatory for all program participants, as program staff will also travel on the field trips.** The residence hall director and counselors will accompany students. There may also be some evening field trips (dates to be determined). In addition, some of the mentors will be taking their students on day trips during the week to further their hands-on experience. Mentor(s) and the site counselor will accompany students going on day trips as part of their site work.

I hereby give permission for my daughter or son to attend YSSS-arranged field trips.

CONSENT FOR R-RATED MOVIES

YSSS may take participants to see a movie of their choice on one occasion, and there will also be film festivals as part of the evening programming. Movie selection for participants can be challenging because some participants will be 17 and, therefore, able to watch R-rated films. Should an R-rated film be chosen for screening, it would likely include language that some may find offensive. R-Rated films shown would not include sexual situations, nudity, or excessive violence.

I hereby give permission for my daughter or son to watch an R-rated film.

CONSENT FOR USE OF SCHOLAR'S QUOTES IN FUTURE PUBLICATIONS

YSSS participants are invited to share their reflections on the program in several formats, including brief writing activities. We may use some student comments for promotional purposes, such as placement in newspaper articles, in our promotional literature, or on our website.

I hereby give permission to publish my daughter or son's quotations in future YSSS publications.

CONSENT FOR ATHLETIC/RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

As the parent/guardian, I give the Program permission for my child/ward to participate in optional athletic and recreational activities made available by the YSSS program. These athletic and recreational activities may include strenuous physical activities such as, but not limited to: stretching, walking, running, swimming, ball sports, rock climbing and other forms of exercise and sporting activities which may involve physical contact with others. I understand that participation in athletic and recreational activities carries with it certain inherent risks that cannot be eliminated regardless of the care taken to avoid injuries.

CONSENT FOR UConn Recreational Center

I understand that participation in UConn Recreation Facilities and Programs may include strenuous physical activities that may include, but are not limited to: stretching, walking, running and other forms of exercise and may involve physical contact with others. I assume all responsibility and risk that may arise from or in connection with Facilities and Programs, including but not limited to: strains, sprains, bruises, broken bones, concussions, other physical injuries, accidents, illness, property loss or even death.

I understand that participation in Facilities and Programs carries with it certain inherent risks that cannot be eliminated regardless of the care taken to avoid injuries.

I also understand that the University of Connecticut does not require me to participate in Facilities and Programs, but I want to do so of my own free will, despite the possible dangers and risks.

I will comply with all rules and policies of the Facilities and Programs as set forth by UConn Recreation and understand that a failure to comply could result in my suspension or dismissal from membership or participation in the applicable Facilities or Programs.

I assure the University of Connecticut that there are no health-related reasons or problems which preclude or restrict my participation in Facilities and Programs, and that I have adequate health insurance necessary to provide for and pay for any medical costs that may directly or indirectly result from my participation in Facilities and Programs.

I, the parent/guardian, have read these statements of consent (Photography, Transportation, Field Trips, R-Rated Movies, Use of Scholar's Quotes, Athletic/Recreational Activities, and UConn Rec Center), and I fully understand and agree to them.

LIABILITY RELEASE

This is a legally binding Release made by Student Participant/Releasor:

To: The University of Connecticut (“**University**,” “**UConn**,” or “**RELEASEES**”).

I fully recognize that there are dangers and risks to which I may be exposed by participating in the Young Scholars Senior Summit Program (“**YSSS**”).

Description of Program Activities (“Activities”)

I understand and acknowledge that my participation will consist of participating in a 3-week mentorship program offered by the YSSS program at the University during the Summer of 2022. I may assist in running trials of ongoing experiments, recording data, developing interpretations and questions, and engaging in other activities relevant to their mentorship sites. I also understand that I will be expected to participate in an end-of-program conference, at which I will give a presentation on the work and the expertise I have gained by participating in the program.

I further understand that if conducting lab research, I may be exposed to an environment where hazardous chemicals are used and stored. I acknowledge the laboratory environment also contains equipment that, if used improperly, could cause injury. Examples of equipment include but are not limited to lasers, open flame burners, high pressure non-combustible gas equipment, pressurized solvent vessels, glassware and other equipment. Please refer to the lab safety policies and procedures provided in the lab sections.

I also understand that the YSSS program does not provide round-the-clock supervision. Supervision will only be provided during the following scheduled activities: mentorship site work evening social and recreational activities, field trips, and meals. YSSS program accommodations do not include a phone and I am encouraged to bring a fully functional cell phone.

I am fully aware of the risks and potential hazards connected with participating in the YSSS program, including but not limited to, the risk of loss of personal property from theft, injuries associated with, working with University faculty, staff, and/or graduate students in labs, studios, and/or research spaces, living in residence halls on campus, eating meals in University dining halls, using the UConn Rec Center, and other injuries that may not be foreseeable and I hereby elect to voluntarily participate in the YSSS program, and engage in such activity knowing that the activity may be hazardous to my child and my property. Like any other program participants at the University of Connecticut, program participants will be immersed into the University of Connecticut community on and off campus. Living on and commuting around campus involves risks, known and unknown, for all persons, including Program participants. I VOLUNTARILY ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY RISKS OF LOSS, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR PERSONAL INJURY that may be sustained by my child, or any loss or damage to

property owned by me, as a result of my child being engaged in such an activity, WHETHER CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF RELEASEES or otherwise.

Release

I understand that the University does not require me to participate in the YSSS program, but I voluntarily choose to do so, despite the possible dangers and risks and despite this Release.

I therefore agree, in consideration of and in return for the services, facilities, and other assistance provided to me by the University in this YSSS program, to RELEASE the University (and its Board of Trustees, officers, employees, and agents) from any and all liability, claims and actions that may arise from injury or harm to me, from my death or from the loss or damage to my property in connection with my participation in this YSSS program. I understand that this RELEASE covers liability, claims and actions caused entirely or in part by any acts or failures to act of the University (or its Trustees, employees, or agents), including but not limited to negligence, mistake, or failure to supervise by the University.

Additionally, I agree to indemnify and hold the University of Connecticut and its respective officers, directors, employees, agents, and successors ("University") and the State of Connecticut harmless, herein releasing the University and the State of Connecticut from any and all liability, claims and/or actions whatsoever that may arise from injury or harm to me, either from my death or from damage to my property, or harm or injury to others, or to damage to university property in connection with this program. I understand that I will be liable for any damage I cause to any University Facilities.

I also agree to assume all of the risks and responsibilities in any way associated with my participation in all YSSS Facilities and Programs and understand that this Release and hold harmless agreement shall bind the members of my family and spouse, if I am alive, as well as my estate, family, heirs, administrators, personal representatives or assigns, if I am deceased, and shall be deemed as a "Release, Waiver, Discharge and Covenant" not to sue the above-named University.

I further agree to save and hold harmless, indemnify and defend the University from any claim by me or my family, arising out of my participation in YSSS Facilities and Programs referenced herein. This Release shall be governed by the laws of the State of Connecticut. If any term of this Release shall be held illegal, unenforceable, or in conflict with any law governing this Release, the validity of the remaining portions shall not be affected thereby.

I recognize that this RELEASE means I am giving up, among other things, rights to sue the University, its Trustees, employees, and agents for injuries, damages, or losses I may incur. I also understand that this Release binds my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, as well as myself.

I have read this entire LIABILITY RELEASE; I fully understand it and I agree to be legally bound by it.

THIS IS A RELEASE OF YOUR RIGHTS.

**READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING THE SIGNATURES PAGE (PAGE 14).
SIGNATURES PAGE
RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY**

I HEREBY EXPRESSLY RECOGNIZE AND ASSUME ALL RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH MY CHILD'S PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM AND VOLUNTARILY RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE, OVENANT NOT TO SUE AND HOLD HARMLESS THE RELEASEES. I AGREE TO IDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE RELEASEES from any loss, liability, damage, or costs, including court costs and attorney's fees, that may incur due to my child's participation in the Program WHETHER CAUSED BY TH ENEGLIGENCE OF RELEASEES or otherwise. It is my express intent that this Participant Release, Consent and Waiver of Liability shall bind the members of my family and spouse, if I am alive, and my heirs, assigns and personal representative, if I am deceased, and shall be deemed as a Release WAIVER, DISCHARGE AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE the above-named RELEASEES. I hereby further agree that this Participant Release Consent and Waiver if Liability shall be construed in accordance with eh laws of the State of Connecticut.

IN SIGNING THIS PARTICIPANT RELEASE, CONSENT, AND WAIVER OF LIABILIT, I ACKNOWLEDGE AND REPRESENT THAT I have read the foregoing, understand it and sign it voluntarily as my own free act and deed; no oral representations, statements, or inducement, apart from the foregoing written agreement, have been made; I am at least eighteen (18) years of age and fully competent and I am the parent or guardian of the child participant, and I execute this Participant Release, Consent and Waiver of Liability for full, adequate and complete consideration, fully intending to be bound by same.

By signing below, we, the undersigned, fully understand and agree to the UConn Young Scholars Senior Summit Program Policies, Consents, and Liability Waiver Form. Below is a referenced list of all sections pertaining to this document:

- Participation Agreement
 - Program Regulations
 - Residence Hall Regulations
 - Violation of Rules and Regulations
- Consent to Photography, Transportation, Field Trips, R-Rated Movies, Use of Scholar's Quotes for Future Publications, Athletic and Recreational Activities, and Use of Recreational Center
- Liability Release
- Signatures Page

Participant's Full Name (print)

Participant's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian's Full Name (print)

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

Addtl Parent/Guardian's Full Name (print)

Addtl Parent/Guardian's Signation

Date

NOTE: Participants will not be permitted to attend to the YSSS program without participant and parent/guardian signatures. **Print, sign, scan, and upload this page to your YSSS registration**

University of Connecticut Policies for Review

- [Policy Against Discrimination, Harassment, and Related Interpersonal Violence](#)
- [Electronic \(E-mail\) Communication Policy](#)
- [Acceptable Use, Information Technology](#)