



Participation Agreement and Hold Harmless Waiver

Assumption of Risk

I, the undersigned parent/legal guardian of the above-named participant, acknowledge that my child has my permission to participate in the **Teen CERT Challenge** scheduled for **Friday, April 10, 2026**. I understand that the event will involve **hands-on emergency response and preparedness activities**, which may include but are not limited to:

- Basic first aid and medical demonstrations
- Fire safety and extinguisher use (non-live fire training)
- Light search and rescue simulations
- Disaster preparedness exercises
- Team-building physical challenges

I recognize that participation in these activities involves inherent risks of injury, illness, or property damage, even when conducted under professional supervision and with appropriate safety precautions.

Release and Hold Harmless

In consideration for my child's participation in the Teen CERT Challenge:

1. I, on behalf of myself, my child, and our heirs, executors, and assigns, **release, waive, discharge, and hold harmless** the following entities and their employees, agents, and representatives:
 - Mississippi Department of Public Safety, Mississippi Office of Homeland Security (MOHS), Division of the Mississippi Department of Public Safety.
 - Mississippi Fire Academy
 - Any partnering agencies, instructors, or volunteers assisting with the event from all liability, claims, or causes of action for injury, illness, accident, or damage that may arise out of or relate in any way to my child's participation in this event, except where caused by gross negligence or willful misconduct.
2. I understand that photographs and/or video recordings may be taken during the event and consent to their use for training, educational, or promotional purposes by the sponsoring agencies, without expectation of compensation.

Acknowledgment

I have read and fully understand this Student Participant and Hold Harmless Waiver. By signing, I voluntarily give my consent for my child to participate in the Teen CERT Challenge and accept all terms as stated.

Parent/Guardian Acknowledgment

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Printed Name: _____

Student Acknowledgement

I have read and are aware of potential participation risks during the Teen CERT Challenge.

Date: _____

Youth Participant Signature: _____