



## Mingus Job Accelerator - Behavior Contract Form C

In order to provide a safe environment, we require that all staff and participants ALWAYS conduct themselves in a safe and appropriate manner. The contract must be signed by participant and/or parent/guardian before the arrival of the first day. While participants will be encouraged to express their feelings and have a range of emotions, aggressive physical behaviors such as biting, hitting, scratching, throwing things, foul language, verbal or vocal outbursts will not be tolerated.

Participants agree to the following:

- I agree to follow all rules set forth in the workplace and conduct myself in an appropriate way.
- I agree to stay at the property / activity site / tiny house and not leave for any reason without requesting staff permission.
- I agree to abide by the nightly curfew of 9 pm with the exception of a specific activity on the premises with staff in attendance. I agree to remain in my room from curfew until the morning shift or breakfast.
- I agree to respect the environment, restaurant, coffee bar, gardens, houses and the property of others.
- I agree to use appropriate language.
- I agree to demonstrate respect for staff and fellow participants at all times.
- I agree to only use my cell phone during my free time and not during training, work or mealtime.
- I agree to not use, bring or have in my possession alcohol or drugs other than those specifically prescribed or recommended by my doctor/nurse or partaking of any other prohibited substance.
- I will not possess smoking materials, lighters, matches, illegal drugs, alcohol or weapons of any KIND, nor items that appear or resemble any kind of weapon.
- I agree to not demonstrate any violent physical behaviors towards myself or others such as hitting, biting, scratching, kicking, or throwing objects.
- I agree to not enter another house which may or may not be occupied by another person at any time during my stay.
- I agree to only interact with other participants in common areas such as the outdoor sitting spaces within the fenced area, restaurant or coffee bar at appropriate times.

A violation of the above will be dealt with according to the severity and may include, but not be limited to, being prohibited from participating in some or all activities, a call to a participant's parent/guardian, expulsion from the **Mingus Job Accelerator (MJA)** with loss of tuition, reimbursement for damages and/or be prohibited from returning to this vocational training program.

*Behavior Contract cont'd*

Refunds are not given for a participant who is sent home or removed from the program for disciplinary reasons.

A zero tolerance policy is enforced in regards to Physical Aggression. Any participant who commits an act of physical aggression against another participant, staff member or anyone else will be removed from MJA.

As the guardian/parent/Responsible person, you will be responsible for picking-up your participant within three hours of the decision for dismissal from **MJA**. Depending on the act of aggression, the participant may not be able to return to MJA for the remainder of the program.

By signing below, I am stating that I have read or listened carefully to the policies of **MJA** and agree to abide by, all policies contained within the behavior agreement.

Furthermore, I certify that I have discussed

all the policies along with their meanings and consequences, with the participant. We are in agreement as to the behavior expectations and consequences.

PARTICIPANT'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

GUARDIAN/PARENT/RESPONSIBLE PERSON

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

State of Texas

County of \_\_\_\_\_

This instrument was acknowledged before me on (date) \_\_\_\_\_ by

\_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_ of

\_\_\_\_\_ (name of entity or person represented).

SEAL: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Notary Public's Signature