

Dear SLS 2008 Participants,

Before being allowed to participate in the seminars you must read, agree to, and sign the following liability waiver. The form must be on file in our offices before you depart for Russia. Please mail the completed form to:

Summer Literary Seminars
PO Box #16
Brooklyn, NY 11222-0016

Alternately you may FAX it to: ATTN. Greg Seib, Summer Literary Seminars, (514) 848-4501.

Thanks,

The SLS Crew

STUDENT ASSUMPTION OF RISK, WAIVER AND RELEASE

In consideration for being permitted to participate in the Summer Literary Seminars in St. Petersburg, Russia, study abroad program (hereafter referred to as the "Program"), taking place June 15 through July 5 in the year 2008, I hereby agree and represent that:

1. I have or will secure health insurance to provide adequate coverage for any injuries or illnesses that I may sustain or experience while participating in the Program, and I certify that my health coverage will adequately cover me while outside the United States. I hereby release and hold harmless Summer Literary Seminars, Inc. and its employees, affiliates, and agents from any responsibility or liability for expenses incurred by me for injuries or illnesses (including death) that I may incur while in the Program. If I do not currently have my own insurance, the Summer Literary Seminars staff have explained to me that I must purchase temporary coverage during my stay in Russia. (MEDEX Insurance Services offers such coverage at a cost of four dollars per day. To purchase this MEDEX policy I may contact the SLS liaison there, Dana Smith at (800) 732-5309.)
2. I understand that the Program, as described in its publications and brochures, may be subject to change, and that neither the Summer Literary Seminars and its employees, affiliates, or agents shall be responsible or liable for any expenses or losses that I may sustain because of these changes.
3. I understand that Summer Literary Seminars reserves the right to rescind its approval for me to participate in the Program at any time should my actions or general behavior, in the sole discretion of the Summer Literary Seminars staff, be determined to impede or obstruct the Program in any way.
4. I understand that there are unavoidable and unforeseeable risks in travel and study abroad. These risks include, but are not limited to, property loss or damage, physical or emotional injury, and death. I acknowledge that I have independently reviewed and assessed said risks. Knowing these risks, and in consideration of being permitted to participate in the Program, I agree, on behalf of my family, heirs, and personal representative(s) to assume all the risks and responsibilities surrounding my participation in the Program. To the maximum extent permitted by law, I release, hold harmless and indemnify Summer Literary Seminars, Inc. and its employees, affiliates, and agents, from and against any present or future claim, loss, or liability for injury to person or property which I may suffer, or for which I may be liable to any other person or entity, during my participation in the Program (including periods in transit to or from Russia).
5. I understand and acknowledge that should I have or develop legal problems including, but not limited to, those involving foreign nationals or governments of Russia, I am solely responsible for all aspects of the defense and resolution of those legal matters.
6. I agree that, should any provision or aspect of this agreement be found to be unenforceable, all remaining provisions will remain in full force and effect.
7. I represent that my agreement to the provisions herein is voluntary, and further that, prior to signing this agreement, I have the right to consult with an advisor, counselor, or attorney of my choice.
8. I agree that, should there be any dispute concerning my participation in the Program that would require adjudication by a court of law, such adjudication will occur in the courts of, and be determined by the laws of, the State of New York.
9. This agreement represents my complete understanding with Summer Literary Seminars, Inc. concerning its responsibility and liability for my participation in the Program, supersedes any previous or contemporaneous understandings I may have had with the organization on this subject, whether written or oral, and cannot be changed or amended in any way without written concurrence.
10. I represent that I am at least eighteen years of age or, if not, that I have secured below the signature of my parent or guardian as well as my own.

Signature

Date

Print Name