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RESEARCH PARTICIPATION CONSENT FORM

(For participants over 18 years old)

My name is (name) and I am (position) in the (program) at (college/university) I am doing research that explores young people's views of the GED and the value of the GED in the every day life of New York City students. I am conducting this research with 15 youth researchers, who will share in developing of research questions, designing the research project, collecting information, understanding the information we collect, and creating a youth friendly guide to the GED in the form of a newsletter, website, handbook, or other document. This research involves meeting once or twice a week, depending on a schedule that we will set together. Although the total length of this project will be longer, I am asking you to try to commit to working on this project for three months. At the end of three months, you can decide to continue working on the project or to stop. In order to participate you must be between 18 and 23 years old.

As one of the youth researchers, you will have major input on this research project. You will be asked to keep a journal of what you think, see, and hear about the value of the GED as we go through our project, which will become part of the data of this project. With your permission, I will make copies from your journals so that you can keep your journal in your possession. Throughout the project, with your permission, I will make digital-video and audio-tape recordings of some of our important group meetings and group discussions. These recordings of our meetings and discussions will be considered part of the data for this project. Only my advisor, (advisor's name) and I will have access to your journal, and to the audio and video recordings of our meetings and discussions. All information gathered will be strictly confidential, and will be stored in a locked file cabinet.

As a youth researcher you will receive a stipend of \$10 an hour, depending on the work we decide to undertake. If you choose to no longer participate after the project has already begun you will receive a stipend for the hours that you have already participated.

There are no risks to you in this study. In addition to the stipend, you may benefit by your participation in this study by gaining skills in research, analysis, and writing. You also may benefit by having an opportunity to share your experiences, gaining not only confidence in your ideas, but also feel that your ideas and experiences are connected to others' experiences and ideas. This research study will contribute to an ongoing academic conversation on the value of the GED, a conversation that until now has excluded youth voices.

I will publish the results of the study. Any of your writing that I use will be credited to you, and any of your statements that I use from the audio and video recordings will be credited to you, unless you decide to use a false name. Your name will appear in my dissertation, but if any information arises that is hurtful to you, I will create a false name for you to protect your identity. I will work with you so that how you are credited in my dissertation is acceptable to you. If you would like a copy of the study, please provide me with your address and I will send you a copy in the future.

Your participation in this project is completely voluntary and you may refuse to participate at any time with no penalty. If you have any questions about this research, you can call me at (cell number) or email me at (email). You may also contact my dissertation advisor, (advisor's name) at (email) . If you have questions about your rights as a participant in this study, you can contact (IRB Administrator's name), Institutional Review Board Administrator, (College/University), (phone), (email).

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Thank you for your consideration. I will give you a copy of this form to take with you. If you agree to participate in this research project, please sign below:

I am over 18 and eligible to participate in this study. [circle one]:

Yes No

I agree to work as a youth researcher on this project. [circle one]:

Yes No

I agree to submit my research observation journal as part of our data. [circle one]:

Yes No

I agree to be video and audio taped when I participate in group meetings and group discussions.

[circle one]:

Yes No

Participant's signature	Date	Investigator's signature	Date
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