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Parental/Guardian Permission Form for Department Pool Participants Earning Credit

Your child, _____, is invited to take part in a study named Essay Contest. The study is designed to learn more about factors influencing essay writing. It is being conducted by Heather Barry who is the principal investigator, as part of her doctoral student research. The faculty sponsor of this work is Professor Gabriele Oettingen, Department of Psychology.

If you give permission for your child to be in this study, he/she will be asked to complete some questionnaires about personal characteristics, do a perception task on the computer, do a mental exercise about preparing the essay, and write an essay on an assigned topic. Your child's participation will take about an hour, and he or she will receive 1 credit for laboratory participation towards the course research requirement. One participant will receive a prize at the conclusion of the study. When your child completes the study, a thorough verbal and written explanation of it will be given to him/her.

There are no known risks associated with your child's participation in this research beyond those of everyday life. Although your child will receive no direct benefits for participation in this study, it may make him or her more aware of how knowledge is discovered in psychology and help the investigator better understand how factors influencing essay writing.

Taking part in this study is voluntary. Not taking part or withdrawing after the study has begun will not affect your child's grade or academic standing in any way. If your child withdraws at any time, he or she will still receive the 1 hour's credit offered for taking part. If your child withdraws before completing the essay, he/she will not be eligible for the prize. Your child has the right to skip or not answer any questions he or she prefers not to answer.

Confidentiality of your child's research records will be strictly maintained by labeling all questionnaires and written materials only with anonymous code numbers. The data from the study will be kept until 5 years after publication, as recommended by the American Psychological Association, and then destroyed by shredding.

If there is anything about the study or taking part in it that is unclear or that you do not understand, if you have questions or wish to report a research-related problem, you may contact the principal investigator, Heather Barry at 718.536.4717, heather.barry@nyu.edu, Meyer Building #755C, 6 Washington Place New York NY 10003, or the faculty sponsor, Prof. Gabriele Oettingen, at 212.998.7915, gabriele.oettingen@nyu.edu, Meyer Building #781, 6 Washington Place New York NY 10003. For questions about your rights as a research participant, you may contact the University Committee on Activities Involving Human Subjects (UCAIHS), NYU, (212) 998-4808 or ask.humansubjects@nyu.edu, 665 Broadway, suite 804, New York, NY 10012.

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Permission

Parent's Signature

Date

