

# Parental Consent Form and Code of Conduct

Alpha, the Science Fiction/Fantasy/Horror Workshop for Young Writers

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

We are committed to creating a safe and welcoming learning environment for everyone who attends Alpha. To that end, we have the following expectations for all Alpha students:

1. Students should be on time to required lectures, and are expected to respect our guest speakers by paying attention. Students should do their very best to participate in all required workshop activities, including writing a story during the workshop and providing their peers with thoughtful critique.
2. No recordings of digital lectures, readings, or other students are allowed without prior consent.
3. Students are responsible for their own health and safety during the digital workshop. If staff suggest any physical activities or exercises during the workshop, it's up to the student to make sure they don't injure themselves. In the case of a mental health emergency, workshop staff will reach out to the student's emergency contact immediately.
4. Discussion during the workshop and content created for the workshop should stay PG-13. Swearing is fine, but descriptions/discussion of explicit sex are not allowed. No discussions of suicide/self-harm or illegal drug use are allowed on the Discord server. When writing or talking about sensitive content (e.g. suicide, abuse, strong violence), we expect everyone to let their fellow students know ahead of time to give them a chance to opt out of engaging with it.
5. Harassment on any of the platforms affiliated with the workshop, including email lists, video calls and text-based chats, will be considered unacceptable. We define harassment as any offensive verbal comments, especially related to gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, race, or religion; bullying, intimidation, and unwelcome sexual attention.
6. Workshop staff are considered mandatory reporters. We are required by law to make a report to ChildLine if we have reasonable cause to suspect that a child is a victim of child abuse.

Participants asked to stop any inappropriate conduct or harassing behavior are expected to do so immediately. Serious misbehavior will be dealt with by consequences up to and including being removed from the workshop.

By signing this form, you agree to comply with Alpha's expectations and conditions.

**Student: Please read and sign this section**

I acknowledge that the workshop staff will not be held responsible for any injury or accident that might occur while I participate in Alpha, the SF/F/H Workshop for Young Writers and that any medical expenses incurred as a result of injury or accident will be my responsibility. I give my permission for videotapes/photographs to be taken of me to be used in the classroom, in publications, newspapers, television, or other visual media as related to Alpha, the SF/F/H Workshop for Young Writers. I understand that the above videotapes/photographs become the property of Alpha, the SF/F/H Workshop for Young Writers and that they may be used for news, education, education web pages or other purposes related to the advancement of the program.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian(s): Please read and sign this section if the student will be under 18 years of age by the time of the workshop**

I do hereby consent that my child may participate in Alpha, the Science Fiction/Fantasy/Horror Workshop for Young Writers. I further acknowledge that the workshop staff will not be held responsible for any injury or accident that might occur while my child is participating in this program, and that any medical expenses incurred as a result of injury or accident will be my responsibility. I give my permission for videotapes/photographs to be taken of my child to be used in the classroom, in publications, newspapers, television, or other visual media as related to Alpha, the SF/F/H Workshop for Young Writers. I understand that the above videotapes/photographs become the property of the Alpha, the SF/F/H Workshop for Young Writers and that they may be used for news, education, education web pages or other purposes related to the advancement of the program.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_