Parental Permission for all students working or doing service volunteerism with the Museum of Motherhood (MoM)

The Museum of Motherhood presents exhibits that contain depictions of human anatomy. This is done for the specific reason that we are of human born and that our bodies are the vehicles and vessels for human life as well as the fact that we are an embodied species.

Body parts depicted at MoM through exhibitions, display models, art, film, books, and clay may include naked breasts, bellies, wombs, embryos, penises, and other reproductive anatomy. These are not intended to be sexual in nature but rather educational, inspirational and provocative; specifically in the manner in which art may cause us to reflect and ponder at any arts-based or science-based museum.

If these kinds of exhibits, art, depictions (or even discussions) are problematic in any way for you, your family or your religious affiliation, please notify us immediately so that we can determine the best way to move forward with your student’s involvement at MoM.

This disclaimer is in direct response to Florida’s Obscenity Laws. The Museum of Motherhood has no intention of harming or exposing museum workers or attendees to anything other than museum-quality information and art.

That being said, the MOM Art Annex, the Museum of Motherhood its board members, volunteers and affiliates accept no liability for any discomfort or disagreement our exhibitions and installations may cause.

Everyone enters MoM in full knowledge and disclosure about the nature of our purpose which is to elucidate the art, science, and herstory of women, mothers and families inclusive of all reproductive identities.

LINK to Florida Obscenity Laws: https://www.flsenate.gov/Laws/Statutes/2012/Chapter847/All
Pursuant to: 847.013 Exposing minors to harmful motion pictures, exhibitions, shows, presentations, or representations & 847.001 & Definitions—As used in this chapter, the term: “Adult” means a person 18 years of age or older.

(6) “Harmful to minors” means any reproduction, imitation, characterization, description, exhibition, presentation, or representation, of whatever kind or form, depicting nudity, sexual conduct, or sexual excitement when it:
(a) Predominantly appeals to a prurient, shameful, or morbid interest;
(b) Is patently offensive to prevailing standards in the adult community as a whole with respect to what is suitable material or conduct for minors; and
(c) Taken as a whole, is without serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value for minors. (We think our exhibits have artistic and scientific value – but obviously this is very subjective)
A mother’s breastfeeding of her baby is not under any circumstance “harmful to minors.”

(7) “Masoichism” means sexual gratification achieved by a person through, or the association of sexual activity with, submission or subjection to physical pain, suffering, humiliation, torture, or death.

(8) “Minor” means any person under the age of 18 years. (summer students will be 16 years old).

(9) “Nudity” means the showing of the human male or female genitals, pubic area, or buttocks with less than a fully opaque covering; or the showing of the female breast with less than a fully opaque covering of any portion thereof below the top of the nipple; or the depiction of covered male genitals in a discernibly turgid state. A mother’s breastfeeding of her baby does not under any circumstance constitute “nudity,” irrespective of whether or not the nipple is covered during or incidental to feeding.

(10) “Obscene” means the status of material which:
(a) The average person, applying contemporary community standards, would find, taken as a whole, appeals to the prurient interest;
(b) Depicts or describes, in a patently offensive way, sexual conduct as specifically defined herein; and
(c) Taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value. (Again, this is subjective)

STUDENTS, PARENTS & LEGAL GUARDIANS – FULL DISCLOSURE. Continue to page 2:
Please have both your parents and or caregivers agree that they are comfortable with your participation onsite at MoM and that they understand this letter in its entirety.

Student’s Full Legal Name (Printed): _____________________________

Legal Guardian(s)/Parents (Printed): _____________________________ / _____________________________

Legal Guardian(s) / Parents (Signed): _____________________________ / _____________________________

Date Signed: __________________

Do we have permission to use your student’s likeness on our MOMmuseum website and on social media posts:  
[ ] Yes  
[ ] No

Thank You.  
Please do not hesitate to contact the Museum Director: Martha Joy Rose Cell: 207-504-3001  
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