Talent / Appearance Release (Sample Template)

Not legal advice. This is a free sample template from RushRadar (rushradar.com/film-permits-and-location-releases/) to help students understand what a release usually covers. Laws differ by country and state, and your school, insurer, festival or distributor may require its own form. Have it checked by your school's production office or a qualified lawyer before use. Minors need a parent or guardian signature.

Production title: _____

Producer / production company ("Producer"): _____

School and course (if a student project): _____

Performer / participant name ("Participant"): _____

Role (or "interviewee", "background"): _____

Dates of filming: _____

Payment (write "none" or "deferred" if applicable): _____

1. Consent to record. Participant agrees to be filmed, photographed and recorded for the production.

2. Use of name and likeness. Participant gives Producer permission to use their name, image, likeness, voice and performance as recorded, edited as Producer reasonably decides, in the production and in its trailers, publicity, festival screenings and any distribution, in all media, worldwide and without time limit.

3. Credit. Participant would like to be credited as: _____ (or "no credit").

4. Payment. Participant accepts the payment written above as full payment for these permissions, unless a separate signed agreement (for example a union agreement) says otherwise. If a union agreement applies, it takes priority.

5. Ownership. The production and all recordings belong to Producer (or to the school, if the school's rules say so). Participant does not gain ownership rights in the production.

6. No obligation to use. Producer is not required to use any recording of Participant.

7. Copy of the film. Producer will try to send Participant a link to or copy of the finished film.

Participant: Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Address / email: _____

Date of birth (if under 18): _____ Parent or guardian name _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Producer: Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____