

CLA INFORMED CONSENT FORM

We request your consent to participate in the Collegiate Learning Assessment (CLA). You must be 18 years of age or older to participate in this project.

PURPOSE OF THE ASSESSMENT: This assessment of collegiate student learning is being conducted for (Youngstown State University [YSU]) by the Council for Aid to Education (CAE), a nonprofit organization, to understand how (YSU) has contributed to your skill development.

HOW YOU WERE SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE: (YSU) used a random selection process that would ensure that eligible students had some chance of being included in the assessment. Your participation is very important to the validity of the results and it will help to ensure the adequate representation of students at (YSU) when the assessment is completed.

WHAT WE WILL ASK YOU TO DO: Participation in the assessment includes the following activities:

- You will be asked to complete one or more testing instruments that will require written responses (such as short answers or essays).
- You may be asked to complete a questionnaire about your experience completing these testing instruments and about your experiences in college.
- You will be asked to permit the use of your college admissions test scores (SAT and/or ACT), placement exam scores, and GPA by (YSU) and the CAE for purposes of understanding your skill development.

RISKS OF PARTICIPATION: There are no anticipated risks associated with this assessment.

BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION: The benefits which may reasonably be expected to result from this study are the opportunity to receive an individual assessment of your demonstrated ability in critical thinking, analytic reasoning and written communication. You will be able to access your score report anonymously via the CLA website. (After completing the CLA test, students will obtain a \$30.00 Amazon.com gift certificate. Students who do not complete the CLA test will not obtain the \$30.00 Amazon.com gift certificate.)

CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION: (YSU), and the CAE, under their contract with (YSU), will protect the confidentiality of the information collected, and will not disclose your identity or information that identifies you to anyone outside of the assessment, except as required by law. (YSU) will receive your scores from the CAE, and your scores will be used by (YSU) for institutional assessment purposes only. Data on test scores for YSU students will be summarized and reported in aggregate form as part of YSU's participation in a national project on student success called the Voluntary Systems of Accountability (VSA). Your scores will not be part of your academic record, and will be kept confidential. (YSU), and the CAE, will maintain your individual privacy in all published and written data resulting from the assessment. Your decision whether or not to participate in this assessment will not affect your student status at (YSU).

VOLUNTARINESS: Your participation in this assessment is completely voluntary. You may refuse to participate, or you may stop participating at any time and for any reason, without any penalty. You have the right to refuse to answer particular questions. We may also discontinue your participation or stop the assessment at any time if circumstances warrant.

WHOM TO CONTACT: If you have any questions about the study, please contact Hillary Fuhman, Assistant Director of Assessment at YSU (who can be reached at 330-941-2453 or hlfuhrman@ysu.edu) or Dr. Sharon A. Stringer, Director of Assessment (who can be reached at 330-941-1347 or sastringer@ysu.edu at YSU). You may also contact Dr. Edward Orona, Director of Grants and Sponsored Programs (330-941-2377) if you have any questions or concerns about this study.

CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE: I have read this statement, and I understand what it says. I agree to participate in this assessment under the conditions outlined above. I also acknowledge that I am 18 years of age and that I have received a copy of this form.

Signature		Date	
First Name (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)	M.I.	Last Name	
Student ID Number: _____			
May we have permission to contact you at a future time regarding this project? Yes: _____ No: _____			
Phone:		Email:	