

Franklin & Marshall College

CRA (Catastrophic Relief Alliance)

Event Participation Policies

The mission of the CRA states that this is an organization which is involved in the planning of and participation in multiple-day relief opportunities to areas that have been affected by natural disasters or housing distress. Due to the nature of this organization it takes months of planning in order to organize these trips. The costs can also become substantial as these locations may require multiple modes of transportation and/or building supplies. The majority of funding comes from donations and fundraising efforts, as well as contributions from volunteer participants. Participation costs will be determined prior to each relief opportunity.

Participants are expected to abide by the following policies.

- Each participating member will be required to pay a commitment fee. The amount of this fee will be determined based on the total cost of the trip and the amount of money that is fundraised. Failure to raise necessary funds may result in higher participant fees, or cancellation of trip.
- The commitment fee, and any deposits should be paid by the designated date. The commitment fee is non-refundable (unless the trip is cancelled). Any deposits are refundable, as long as deposit requirements are met.
- If the participant cancels less than two weeks before the start of the trip, the individual will be responsible for paying the FULL cost of their participation in the trip. These costs would include any transportation, lodging and food.
- Students and faculty & staff affiliated with F&M will all be required to pay the same fee.
- Any participants that take part in the trip that are not affiliated with F&M will be required to pay the full price of transportation and other costs unless specifically approved by the CRA officers otherwise.
- The CRA officers will be responsible for initial planning efforts but once the final group participants have paid their contribution to commit to the trip, EVERY member will be required to take an active role in the planning and fundraising efforts.
- The CRA officers have the authority to change and/or modify these policies as necessary.

I have read & understand the policies, as they pertain to the following relief opportunity.

Activity or Event _____ Travel Date _____

Participant Name _____ Today's Date _____

Signature of Participant _____