



Florence University of the Arts  
The American University of Florence

## About the Program

The **Florence University of the Arts** is an accredited American University in Florence, Italy, which offers a number of pre-college courses as part of its Study Abroad program each summer.

### **This is an exclusively owned Florence University of the Arts program.**

It is not a High School of Fashion Industries program. It is not a [poofa.org](http://poofa.org) program. This program is not funded, promoted or endorsed by The High School of Fashion Industries, the Department of Education, or the City of New York. All payments and all documents required to participate are submitted directly to FUA. HSFI and FUA are in no way legally / contractually tied whether through a contract or agreement for the pre-college program. HSFI participation involves students who, outside of the regular school year, voluntarily enroll and fulfill responsibilities for the program.

**Rosa Isabel Chávez**, CTE Fashion Design Instructor at The High School of Fashion Industries, acts as a communication liaison between HSFI students and their parents on behalf of the Florence University of the Arts. FUA offers grants and discounted tuition and housing packages exclusively to HSFI students through Ms. Chávez' relationship with FUA. She attends for three weeks along with other volunteer HSFI faculty, as part of their summer vacation, and offer general oversight of the program. Digital applications go through Ms. Chávez as a screening process for HSFI students' participation. Each HSFI student's academic record and personal conduct record are evaluated for approval to participate.

**Power of One for All — [poofa.org](http://poofa.org)** — is an educational non-profit organization founded by Ms. Chávez in 2017. It offers one student a full tuition and housing scholarship to attend the FUA program, valued at \$2,750.00 (without airfare). The award is based on financial need, academic merit, and proper completion of the scholarship application form. Donations to the non-profit organization support the scholarship funding.

## Mission

Ms. Chávez and her team volunteer their time to facilitate travel to Italy for High School of Fashion Industries' students, so they can be empowered with an enriching cultural experience at the world's Renaissance art capital.

Ms. Chávez' goal is for all HSFI students to experience the world from a new perspective, immerse themselves in another culture, and further their language skills. The program is designed to be a growth experience; asking students to step outside of their comfort zones, build understanding, empathy and appreciation for the diversity of human experiences.



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## **PARENTAL/LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE & LIABILITY WAIVER**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ give my full parental/legal guardianship consent for my child, \_\_\_\_\_ to attend 2022 Summer Study Abroad program at the Florence University of the Arts in Italy.

### **Scholarship Process — poofa.org**

I understand that one Financial Aid scholarship is being awarded through the poofa.org application process. I attest that all financial documentation I have provided in applying for the scholarship is truthful, accurate and complete. If my child does not receive the scholarship, I am prepared to pay the full cost of the program and all related travel and entertainment expenses my child will incur during their stay.

### **Program Eligibility**

I understand that my child's acceptance into the program is based on academic merit and a stellar record of conduct in school. My child's grades, attendance, performance, and demeanor are all factors that are considered as part of their eligibility to participate in the program.

### **Documentation**

I will ensure that my child will be fully prepared with all required legal documents for international travel, which includes a valid United States Passport or Green Card.

I accept responsibility for submitting all required medical forms, including all COVID related vaccination forms, directly to the hosting institution of the pre-college program, and by their date due.



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**WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

***THIS IS A RELEASE OF LEGAL RIGHTS  
READ AND UNDERSTAND BEFORE YOU SIGN***

I \_\_\_\_\_ hereby certify that I am the parent/legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, currently a student at The High School of Fashion Industries. I hereby consent to his/her/their participation in the 2022 Summer Study Abroad Program solely offered and operated by The Florence University of Arts (FUA).

In consideration of any possible risks of personal injury, property loss or damage, and as consideration for the right to participate in the Program, I agree, personally and on behalf of my child/ward named above, to assume any and all risks and responsibilities surrounding my child/ward’s participation in the aforementioned program, including traveling between United States and Italy and/or to any event related to the program during their stay at FUA.

To the fullest extent allowed by law, I hereby, knowingly and voluntarily, enter into this Waiver and Release of Liability and hereby hold harmless and agree to indemnify Rosa Isabel Chávez, her educational non-profit organization, Poofa.org (Power of One for All, Inc.) and its board members, The High School of Fashion Industries, the NYC Department of Education, the hosting institution of the pre-college program, their affiliates, officers, directors, faculty, staff, volunteers, employees, agents, attorneys, heirs, representatives, predecessors, and successors, from and against any present or future claim, cause of action of any kind, loss or liability for property damages, physical or psychological injury, including but not limited to illness, death, economical or emotional loss, which said child/ward may suffer or for which said child /ward may be liable to any other person, in relation to said child/ward’s participation in the program, regardless of fault.

I attest that I have carefully read and freely signed this Waiver and Release of Liability Form, after reviewing the same with the child/ward named herein. I understand and agree that no oral or written representations can or will alter the contents of this document.

PARENT NAME – PRINT \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT 1 SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

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PARENT 2 SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_