Consent Form

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Dear Student,

We are conducting a study on well-being and life satisfaction. In order to participate in this research study, Texas State University- San Marcos and federal regulations require that we obtain your consent to the procedures in the study. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the study, you can contact Millie Cordaro, Lecturer, Department of Psychology, Texas State University- San Marcos at [mc71@txstate.edu](mailto:mc71@txstate.edu) or 512-716-4564.

Students enrolled in undergraduate psychology courses have been selected to voluntarily participate in the study. You will be asked questions about your happiness and satisfaction with life. The length of time needed to complete the questions is 10-15 minutes. Participation in this study is voluntary and should you agree to participate and later withdraw from participation, you may do so without penalty. In addition, you may choose not to answer any question(s) for any reason. Dropping out or not participating in the study will not impact your course grade. The responses you provide will contain no personally identifying information such as your name or social security number. Thus, your participation is strictly anonymous. All responses from this study are confidential and will be maintained in a secure office and stored in a password protected file. The records will be kept no longer than six months after data collection.

We anticipate that participants in this study will experience no psychological or emotional risks from participation in our study. If you feel that participation in the study has negatively impacted you, you are encouraged to seek assistance from the University Counseling Center, a free service to registered Texas State University students, at <www.counseling.txstate.edu>. The data we collect will be used to better understand subjective well-being in order to contribute to the existing literature on positive development. Although there is no compensation for participation in the study, participants may benefit from the study through an increased self-awareness of subjective well-being. You are encouraged to contact Millie Cordaro if you would like an explanation of your results or a summary of the findings.

If you have any questions about the research, research participants’ rights, or research-related risks or injuries, contact Dr. Jon Lasser, IRB Chair at 512-245-3413 or [lasser@txstate.edu](mailto:lasser@txstate.edu) or contact Ms. Becky Northcut, Compliance Specialist at 512-245-2102. Thank you in advance for your participation. Should you wish to receive a summary of the findings following completion of the study please email Millie Cordaro.

Sincerely,

Millie Cordaro, Ph.D.

I have read and understand the information above and agree to participate in the study described above.

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Participant Signature Date

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Researcher Signature Date