Parent-Student College Contract Template

This contract is between _____________________________ and _____________________________.

(parent(s)) (student)

WHAT IS EXPECTED FROM THE STUDENT:

- **Academic Commitment**
  - Work hard and accept responsibility for own learning.
  - Develop a reasonable plan to graduate with a bachelor’s degree by the end of four academic years.
  - Earn a bachelor’s degree by the end of four academic years.
  - Maintain at least a 3.0 grade point average and/or demonstrate evidence that you are presenting work to the best of your ability.
  - Provide detailed information about academic progress after 4, 8 and 12 weeks of classes.
  - Allow sharing of grades with parent(s) through web advisor.
  - Retain an accurate schedule of commitments (i.e. classes, work, study, meals, exercise, etc).
  - Make good use of private study time.
  - Use multiple methods of studying to learn the material.
  - Ask for help as needed.
  - Visit professors at least once every two weeks during office hours with at least one question even if you think you understand the material.
  - Attend all classes for their full duration.

- **Personal Commitment**
  - Keep parent(s) informed about important college matters (i.e. housing deadlines, registration, etc.)
  - Abide by the college rules, stated or implied.
  - For the first semester commit to college and getting acclimated.
  - For second and subsequent semesters, employment may be needed, on-campus preferred.
  - Engage in 2-4 student clubs and organizations; at least one of which must be unfamiliar to the student (i.e. do not join clubs that all related to current interests or hobbies).

- **Financial Commitment**
  - Manage money wisely and do not assume credit without consulting one or both parents.
  - Should the student drop a class, the student will be responsible to pay for any replacement class and/or fees associated with dropping the class.
  - Pay any expenses not associated with what parent(s) pay as stated below.

WHAT IS EXPECTED FROM THE PARENT(S):

- To be helpful and supportive.
- Pay for:
  - **Institution**
    - Tuition
    - Fees
    - Room
    - Board (meal plan)
    - Text books
  - **School**
    - Supplies (paper, writing utensils)
    - Laptop, tablet or similar personal portable computing device
- Personal
  - Car insurance (car payment, car repair, etc)
  - Cell phone (indicate any limitations of minutes, text, data, etc)
  - Health insurance
  - Clothing (an amount per month, semester, etc)
- Pay for transportation between home and college during academic breaks plus one additional time per semester if the visit will result in no less than 48 hours at home.
- Provide a weekly allowance of $XX which is to be paid at the beginning of each month.

We have read the above stated responsibilities and agree to jointly work toward the successful goals of an enriching college experience. The degree to which each party meets their expectations, the other party will fulfill their commitments. Specifically, if the student begins and retains progress to complete a bachelor’s degree in four years, the parent(s) will continue to financially support the student.

__________________________________________  ______________________
Parent Signature  Date

__________________________________________  ______________________
Student Signature  Date

Contracts can be annulled by either party, but must be renegotiated by both parties.

The following is an excerpt from the SADD Contract for Life:

I recognize that I will be faced with many difficult decisions. Throughout my college experience I may encounter issues such as alcohol and other drug use, HIV/AIDS, risky sexual behaviors, acquaintance rape, impaired driving, abusive relationships, and many more challenges.

By signing below, I have entered into a contract in which I agree that we will always attempt to choose the best option that considers my own well-being, health, and safety. In addition, I will help friends whom I see making destructive decisions find any assistance they need.

When I find myself in a situation that makes me uncomfortable or that I feel unequipped to handle, I will discuss it with someone I trust.

__________________________________________  ______________________
Student Signature  Date