

SPECIAL NOTICE- Change in Virginia Tech Data Sharing Policy

March 26, 2018

Based on the FY 2018 spending bill passed on Friday, March 23, 2018 the university is now able, once again, to provide, with explicit written consent from the student, FAFSA information to scholarship-granting organizations or tribal organizations. This was a reaffirmation on guidance from the Privacy Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) from the Department of Education.

What is not allowed, based on guidance received so far, is eligibility determinations for state benefits programs, even with the student's written consent. This would include Vocational Rehabilitation, food stamps, income verification for rent, low-income housing, and other social services requests.

Students can directly provide information by these methods:

1. Students' **Expected Family Contribution** (EFC) can be provided by the student obtaining a copy of their Student Aid Report, which they can get from FAFSA.gov. Log in with username and FSA ID. Click the link to view the Student Aid Report (SAR).
2. Students' **Award Letters** can be retrieved on the student portal at Hokie SPA (or Guest Account for applicants). Follow this thread: Financial Aid Information/ My Award Information/ Award Package by Aid Year/ select the year and click Submit. Click on Award Overview. Directly below the heading is the Print link. Print out Award Letter.

Cost of attendance figures can be found on the University Scholarships and Financial aid website. <https://finaid.vt.edu/undergraduate/coa.html>