

SPECIAL NOTICE- Change in Virginia Tech Data Sharing Policy

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Virginia Tech can only provide basic directory information for individual students to outside organizations. We are unable to release FAFSA or award information even with written authorization.

This change in policy was based on new guidance from the U. S. Department of Education's Privacy Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) regarding disclosing student data, and the following laws: the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA); the Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA) Sections 483(a)(3)(E) and 485B(d)(2) as amended, which was last reauthorized by Congress in 2008; and the Privacy Act.

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. 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.