

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:

- Students' Expected Family Contribution (EFC) can be provided by the student obtaining a copy of their Student Aid Report, which is available through the [FAFSA](https://fafsa.ed.gov/) website.
- Login to <https://fafsa.ed.gov/> with username and passcode.
- Click the link to view the Student Aid Report (SAR).
- Students' Award Letters can be retrieved on the student portal at Hokie SPA.
 1. Log into Hokie Spa using your PID and Password.
 2. Click on Hokie Spa.
 3. Go a little past halfway down the page and click on Financial Aid Information.
 4. Click on My Award Information.
 5. Click on Award Package by Aid Year.
 6. Select the school year you wish to find your financial aid award information for in the drop down menu, Select Aid Year, and submit.
 7. Click on Award Overview.
 8. This page contains information pertaining to your Cost of Attendance, Need and Estimated Family Contribution amounts, as well as your housing status and a breakdown of your financial aid award. Scroll to the bottom.

