



Authorization For The Release Of Student Financial Aid Information

I, _____, student # _____, hereby authorize **The Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College Financial Aid Office** to release and/or orally discuss the Records described below about me to (list organizations and persons, by name, that you wish us to share information with):

Family Member: _____ Family Member: _____

Organization: _____ Person: _____

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The specific records covered by this release are **Attendance, Grades and Financial Aid Records.**

I understand that the student records information listed above includes information which is classified as private on me under Minn. Stat. § 13.32 and the Federal Family Education Rights and Privacy Act. I understand that by signing this Informed Consent Form, I am authorizing the Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College Financial Aid Office to release to the persons named above and their representatives information which would otherwise be private and not accessible to them. I understand that without my informed consent, the Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College Financial Aid Office could not release the information described above because it is classified as private.

I understand that when my education records are released to the persons named above and their representatives, the Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College Financial Aid Office has no control over the use the persons named above or their representatives make of the records which are released.

I understand that, at my request, the Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College Financial Aid Office must provide me with a copy of any educational records it releases to the persons named above pursuant to this consent. I understand that I am not legally obligated to provide this information and that I may revoke this consent at any time. This consent expires upon completion of the above stated purpose or after one year, whichever comes first. However, if the above-stated purpose is not fulfilled after one year, I may renew this consent. A photocopy of this authorization may be used in the same manner and with the same effect as the original documents.

I am giving this consent freely and voluntarily and I understand the consequences of my giving this consent.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____

Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act (FERPA)

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a Federal law designed to protect the privacy of a student's education records. The law applies to all schools which receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education. FERPA gives parents certain rights with respect to their children's education records. These rights transfer to the student, or former student, who has reached the age of 18 or is attending any school beyond the high school level. Students and former students to whom the rights have transferred are called eligible students.

- Parents or eligible students have the right to inspect and review all of the student's education records maintained by the school. Schools are not required to provide copies of materials in education records unless, for reasons such as great distance, it is impossible for parents or eligible students to inspect the records. Schools may charge a fee for copies.
- Parents and eligible students have the right to request that a school correct records believed to be inaccurate or misleading. If the school decides not to amend the record, the parent or eligible student then has the right to a formal hearing. After the hearing, if the school still decides not to amend the record, the parent or eligible student has the right to place a statement with the record commenting on the contested information in the record.
- Generally, schools must have written permission from the parent or eligible student before releasing any information from a student's record. However, the law allows schools to disclose records, without consent, to the following parties:
 - School employees who have a need to know;
 - Other schools to which a student is transferring;
 - Certain government officials in order to carry out lawful functions;
 - Appropriate parties in connection with financial aid to a student;
 - Organizations conducting certain studies for the school;
 - Accrediting organizations;
 - Individuals who have obtained court orders or subpoenas;
 - Persons who need to know in cases of health and safety emergencies; and State and local authorities, within a juvenile justice system, pursuant to specific State law.

Schools may also disclose, without consent, "directory" type information such as a student's name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, honors and awards, and dates of attendance. However, schools must tell parents and eligible students about directory information and allow parents and eligible students a reasonable amount of time to request that the school not disclose directory information about them. Schools must notify parents and eligible students annually of their rights under FERPA. The actual means of notification (special letter, inclusion in a PTA bulletin, student handbook, or newspaper article) is left to the discretion of each school.

For additional information or technical assistance, you may call (202) 260-3887 or TDD (202) 260-8956 or contact:

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