Financial Aid Data Sharing Policy
George Mason University
Office of Student Financial Aid (OSFA)

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The Mason OSFA is only permitted to release basic directory information for individual students to outside organizations and other third parties. The OSFA is unable to release FAFSA or award information even with written authorization from the student.

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 who need financial aid information for third parties may provide requested data directly to third parties using the following methods:

- **Expected Family Contribution (EFC)** can be found on the Student Aid Report (SAR), which is available by logging in to the student’s FAFSA at https://fafsa.gov/. After logging in, the student should click the link to view the SAR.

- **Financial Aid awards** can be printed from https://patriotweb.gmu.edu. After logging in, click *Financial Aid, Award, Award by Aid Year*. Please note that awards for continuing 2018-2019 students will be available beginning in June 2018.

- **Federal loan borrowing history and status** can be printed by signing into www.nslds.ed.gov.

- **Cost of Attendance**: Estimated cost of attendance information can be found at: https://www2.gmu.edu/admissions-aid/paying-for-college. Students who have a financial aid award may also print their estimated cost of attendance from logging in to https://patriotweb.gmu.edu, *Financial Aid, Award, Award by Aid Year*. 