

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

If, after reading the information regarding the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) on the back of this form, you wish to return this form, please do so to the address of the Registrar listed below.

Office of the Registrar
University of West Georgia
1601 Maple Street
Carrollton, GA 30117

I, _____ (or) _____
Print Full Name Student ID # Social Security #

a student or incoming student at the University of West Georgia, do hereby grant that as long as I am a student at the University of West Georgia, University officials may disclose information contained in my education records (including but not limited to my academic standing and performance, my financial records, and my disciplinary records) to my parent(s), guardian(s), or other designated individuals. I also consent to the release of my mid-semester and final grade reports to my parent(s), guardian(s), or other designated individuals at the address(es) listed below.

I understand that this consent permits University officials to release any information in my education records to my parent(s), guardian(s), or other designated individuals for any purpose. I further understand that unless I have a refusal notification on file, the University may release directory information without my consent.

Please check one or both blocks:

Home Address:

Name(s) _____

Relationship _____

Other Designated Individuals:

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

I understand that I may revoke this consent at any time by contacting the Registrar's Office. I further understand that the University may release, without my consent, my education records to a person upon receipt of information establishing that I have been declared a dependent on such person's most recent federal income tax form in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code.

Signature

Date

The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords students certain rights with respect to their education records. They are:

1. Right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the University receives a request for access. Students should submit to the registrar, dean, head of the academic department, or other appropriate official, written requests that identify the record(s) they wish to inspect. The University official will make arrangements for access and notify the students of the time and place where records may be inspected. If the records are not maintained by the University official to whom the request was submitted, that official shall advise the student of the correct official to whom the request should be made.
2. The right to request amendment of the student's education records that the student believes are inaccurate or misleading. Students may ask the University to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate or misleading. The student should write the University official responsible for the record, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading. If the University decides not to amend the record as requested by the student, the University will notify the student of the decision and advise the student of his or her right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the student when a hearing is requested.
3. The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosures without consent. One exception which permits disclosure without consent is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the University in an administrative, supervisory, academic or research, or support staff position (including law enforcement personnel and health staff); a person serving on the Board of Trustees; a student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks; or a person, company, or governmental unit with whom West Georgia has contracted to perform duties or services involving education records. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility. Upon request, the University discloses education records without consent to officials of another school in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.

The following information regarding students is considered directory information: (1) name, (2) address, (3) telephone number, (4) electronic mail addresses, (5) date and place of birth, (6) major field of study, (7) enrollment status (undergraduate or graduate, full or part-time), (8) grade level, (9) participation in officially recognized activities and sports, (10) weight and height of members of athletic teams, (11) dates of attendance, (12) degrees and awards received, (13) the most recent previous educational agency or institution attended by the student, and (14) other similar information such as a photograph.

Directory information may be disclosed by University of West Georgia for any purpose in its discretion, without the consent of the student. Students have the right to refuse to permit the designation of any or all of the above information as directory information. In that case, this information will not be disclosed except with consent of the student, or as otherwise allowed by FERPA. Any student refusing to have any or all of his or her designated directory information disclosed must file written notification to this effect with University of West Georgia at the Office of the Registrar. If the refusal is not filed, University of West Georgia assumes that the student does not object to the release of the directory information designated.

4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the University to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA is: Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue S.W., Washington DC 20202-4605.