

California Student Aid Commission (CSAC/Commission)

Cash for College - Information Security and Confidentiality Agreement

The Information Security and Confidentiality Agreement is required by the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) from any person or entity (high school, post-secondary educational institution, agent, program, or 3rd party) requesting access to a Commission information technology system.

Security and Confidentiality Agreement:

The California Student Aid Commission (Commission) is committed to protecting the confidentiality and security of information. As an individual requesting access to a Commission application, database, or information technology system, during the course of my duties or purpose at the Commission, I may have access to proprietary or confidential information. I understand that all proprietary and personally identifiable information (collectively PII) must be maintained confidentially, and in a secure fashion.

I agree to follow all Commission policies and procedures governing the confidentiality and security of PII in any form, including oral, fax, photographic, written, or electronic. I will regard both confidentiality and security as a duty and responsibility while part of the Commission workforce, or during my involvement with Commission as a non-workforce member.

I agree that I will not access, release, or share PII, except as necessary to complete my duties or purpose at the Commission. I understand that I may not access any information on friends or family members unless a Release of Information form authorizes me to do so, unless doing so is a necessary part of my job duties, or unless I am otherwise permitted to do so by Commission policies. I understand that I am not authorized to use or release PII to anyone who is not part of the Commission workforce or an approved visiting observer or Commissioner except as provided in Commission policies and procedures, contract, or as required by law.

I agree that I will use all reasonable means to protect the security of PII in my control, and to prevent it from being accessed or released, except as permitted by law. I will use only the access privileges I have been authorized to use, and will not reveal any of my passwords, user account identifiers (IDs), or share access with others. I will take precautions to avoid inadvertently revealing PII; for example, I will use workstations in a safe manner and will make reasonable efforts to prevent conversations from being overheard, including speaking in lowered tones and not discussing PII in public areas. If I keep Commission related data and notes on a handheld or laptop computer or other electronic device, I will ensure that my supervisor knows of and has approved such use and I will keep this information secure and confidential. If, as part of my responsibility, I must take PII off the premises, I will do so only with permission from my supervisor; I will protect PII from disclosure; and will ensure that the PII is either returned to Commission or destroyed.

I agree that when my employment, affiliation, visitation or assignment with Commission ends, I will not take any PII with me and I will not reveal any PII that I had access to as a result of my duties at the Commission. I will either return PII to the Commission or destroy it in a manner that renders it unreadable, unusable by anyone else and in accordance with Commission security and confidential destruct policy.

I agree to report unauthorized use or disclosure of PII or security issues affecting systems that contain or give access to PII, to the California Student Aid Commission "Information Security Officer", P.O. Box 419026 Rancho Cordova, CA. 95741-9026; Email: iso@csac.ca.gov.

For help or questions with the process you may contact the IT Helpdesk at csachelpdesk@csac.ca.gov, or call: 888-294-0148.

I understand that access to all Commission systems is monitored. There is no reasonable expectation of privacy expressed or implied in my usage of Commission information systems. My usage of all Commission systems will comply with all federal and California information security and confidentiality laws, including the Comprehensive Computer Data Access and Fraud Act (California Penal Code Section 502), Federal Privacy Act, Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act with subsequent "Privacy" and "Safeguards" rulings, the Information Practices Act of 1977, as amended and the Commission's security and confidentiality policies and procedures. Any and all unauthorized access is prohibited.

I understand that if I do not keep PII confidential, or if I allow or participate in inappropriate disclosure or access to PII, I will be subject to immediate disciplinary or corrective action, up to and including dismissal or loss of access privileges to Commission property and facilities. I understand that unauthorized access, use, or disclosure of PII may also violate federal and state law, and may result in criminal and civil penalties.

THIS AGREEMENT WILL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT UNTIL IT IS EITHER RESCINDED OR THE REQUESTOR'S DUTIES OR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE COMMISSION ARE CHANGED OR TERMINATED. NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THIS AGREEMENT MAY RESULT IN ADVERSE ACTION INCLUDING POSSIBLE TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT, CONTRACT, AGREEMENT AND/OR CRIMINAL AND CIVIL PENALTIES UNDER LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL LAWS.