



## **University of Alaska Financial Aid Data Sharing Policy**

### **Background**

Financial aid officers collect, manage, and have access to a vast amount of confidential student and parent data. This data includes information from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the Institutional Student Information Record (ISIR) and the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS). It also includes information from other sources, such as tax returns, professional judgment documents, student progress data and other private and sensitive information.

### **Laws and guidelines that control the release of student data:**

- 1. Higher Education Act (HEA), as amended**
  - a. Section 483(a)(3)(E)**
  - b. Section 485B(d)(2)**
- 2. Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)**
- 3. Privacy Act**
- 4. IRCCode**
- 5. NASFAA Statement of Ethical Principles**
- 6. Alaska Constitution (Art. 1, §22)**
- 7. Alaska Personal Information Protection Act (APIPA)**

### **Policy**

FAFSA data contains sensitive financial and personal information of students and their families. It is the responsibility of all personnel with access to such data to



**Appendix  
Data Sharing Decision Tree**

[https://www.nasfaa.org/uploads/documents/NASFAA\\_Data\\_Sharing\\_Ddecision\\_Tree.pdf](https://www.nasfaa.org/uploads/documents/NASFAA_Data_Sharing_Ddecision_Tree.pdf)

