STUDENT EDUCATION RECORDS

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) afford eligible students certain rights with respect to their education records. An “eligible student” under FERPA is a student who is 18 years of age or older or who attends a postsecondary institution. These rights include:

1. The right to inspect and review the student’s education records and to ask the College to correct a record if the student believe the record is inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student’s privacy rights under FERPA.

2. The right to request the limitation of the release of the student’s education records to third parties. A student should submit to the Registrar, dean, or other appropriate official of limited access, in writing, the specific grantees to whom release is limited, the nature of the information to be released, and the purpose the information is to be used.

3. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the College to comply with the requirements described in FERPA.

FERPA permits the disclosure of PII from the student’s education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. The College discloses education records without a student’s prior written consent under the FERPA exception for disclosure to College officials with legitimate educational interests. A College official is a person employed by the College in an administrative, supervisory, academic, or research position (including law enforcement unit or other student conduct staff), who performs an institutional service or function for which the College would otherwise use its own employees and who is under the direct control of the College with respect to the use and maintenance of PII from education records, such as an attorney, auditor, or other professional service provider. A College official also includes a person or contractor outside of the College who performs an institutional service or function for which the College would otherwise use its own employees and who is under the direct control of the College. A College official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibilities for the College. Upon request, the College also discloses education records without consent to officials of another school in which the student seeks or intends to enroll.

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education shall issue to every student group, student team or student organization which is part of such an institution or is recognized by the institution or permitted by the institution to use its name or facilities. It is known by the institution as an unaffiliated student group, student team or student organization. A copy of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen, provided, however, that an institution’s compliance with this section’s requirements that an institution issue copies of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen to unaffiliated student groups, teams or organizations shall not constitute evidence of the institution’s recognition or endorsement of said unaffiliated student groups, teams or organizations. Each such group, team or organization shall distribute a copy of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen to the members of its organization, members, pledges, or applicants. Each such group, team, or organization, acting through its designated officer, to deliver annually, to the institution an attested acknowledgment stating that such group, team, or organization has received a copy of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen. No such member, pledge, or applicant shall receive a copy of sections seventeen and eighteen, and that such group, team or organization understands and agrees to comply with the provisions of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen.

Each institution of secondary education and each public or private institution of post-secondary education shall, at least annually, before or at the start of enrollment, deliver to each person who enrolls as a full time student in such institution a copy of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen. Each institution of secondary education and each public or private institution of post-secondary education shall, at least annually, a report with the head of higher education and in the case of secondary education, the board of education, certifying that such institution has complied with its responsibility to inform student groups, teams or organizations and to notify each full time student enrolled by it of the provisions of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen and also certifying that said institution has adopted a disciplinary policy with regard to the organizers and participants of hazing, and that such policy has been set forth with appropriate notice and opportunity for the students to refuse referral for prosecution may result. Applicable legal sanctions for the unlawful use, possession or distribution of alcohol and other drugs are summarized in the following section. This information appears here to meet the requirements of the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act. In addition to this policy, other College policies remain in effect.

SUMMARY OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG LAWS

The legal drinking age in Massachusetts is 21 years of age. A person over 21 years of age may not buy alcohol for a person under 21 years of age, unless their relationship is that of parent and child or husband and wife, and even in those situations liquor must be bought at a package liquor store, not a restaurant or tavern. With the consent of the parent or guardian, a person under the age of 21 years may purchase, possess, use, manufacture, distribute or dispersion of a controlled substance and the illegal use or possession of alcoholic beverages on campus or at College sponsored activities is prohibited. If it is determined that a violation of this policy has occurred it is the primary responsibility of the student referred for prosecution may result. Applicable legal sanctions for the unlawful use, possession or distribution of alcohol and other drugs are summarized in the following section. This information appears here to meet the requirements of the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act. In addition to this policy, other College policies remain in effect.

DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES ACT

Stonehill College, in accordance with federal legislation and College policy, is committed to providing a drug-free, safe and healthy environment for all students, faculty and staff. The unlawful use, possession, use, manufacture, distribution or dispersion of a controlled substance and the illegal use or possession of alcoholic beverages on campus or at College sponsored activities is prohibited. If it is determined that a violation of this policy has occurred, it is the primary responsibility of the student referred for prosecution may result. Applicable legal sanctions for the unlawful use, possession or distribution of alcohol and other drugs are summarized in the following section. This information appears here to meet the requirements of the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act. In addition to this policy, other College policies remain in effect.

NOTICE OF FEDERAL STUDENT FINANCIAL AID PENALTIES FOR DRUG LAW VIOLATIONS

A student who has been convicted of possession or sale of illegal drugs while receiving federal Title IV financial aid loses eligibility for federal and state government financial aid (including loans, loan guarantee programs, work-study assistance) for a period of time specified in the law (HEA Sec. 484(r)(1); 20 U.S.C. 1098f(1)). The period of ineligibility is determined by Title IV of the Higher Education Act. Federal law sets greatly heightened prison sentences for manufacture and distribution of drugs or death or serious injury results from the use of the substance.

The Higher Education Act of 1965 as amended suspends aid eligibility for students who have been convicted under federal or state law of the sale or possession of drugs, if the offense occurred during a period of enrollment for which the student was receiving federal student aid. For more information contact Stonehill Student Financial Services Office at 508-565-5100 or the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243).

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF INSTITUTIONAL AND FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION


CLERY ACT

Stonehill College complies with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act. This webpage is an official summary of Stonehill College’s Campus Police Department’s procedures along with required crime statistics.

Stonehill College is committed to assisting all members of the Stonehill community in providing for their own safety and security. The College’s annual security compliance document is available on the Stonehill College website at http://www.stonehill.edu/clery.

If you would like to receive a booklet called “Annual Security Report” which contains this information, you can call the Campus Police Office or you can request that a copy be mailed to you by calling 508-565-5100.

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION

For information about how the College compiles with the General Data Protection Regulation ("GDPR"), please visit our website at: https://www.stonehill.edu/offices-entities/services/office-of-the-general-counsel/gdpr/.