Privacy Statement
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Stonehill College is committed to safeguarding your privacy and ensuring the security of any information collected when you access Stonehill's website and use the college's third-party service providers. This privacy statement outlines how your personal information may be collected and the purposes for which it is used. Please note that this statement may be updated to reflect changes to the website, the types of information collected, or how we utilize it.

This statement shall at all times be interpreted consistent with Massachusetts and United States privacy laws, and with respect to individuals subject to European Union legislation by the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Specific Stonehill privacy policies and GDPR Compliance information can be found in the following locations:

- Privacy and Confidentiality
- Student Educational Records
- Information Security
- GDPR

Information We Collect

Non-Personally Identifiable Information

When users access Stonehill's website, we collect non-personally identifiable information such as IP address, browser type, and site usage. This information is anonymous and not linked to any personal information. To gather this data, we utilize session "cookies," which are small text files placed on your computer's hard drive. The session cookies employed by Stonehill College do not provide us with access to your computer or personally identifiable information. These cookies are deleted when you close your browser. You have the option to modify your browser settings to disallow cookies, but please note that this may limit your ability to fully utilize our website.

Personally Identifiable Information

Certain sections of our website collect voluntarily personally identifiable information, including name, zip code, and email address. This information is typically obtained through request and registration forms with the purpose of understanding your interest in Stonehill College and providing you with relevant information and services. Personally identifiable information may also be collected during online purchases, payments, or donations. In such cases, Stonehill College employs the following PCI-compliant third-party service providers to process your transaction. We encourage you to review the privacy policies of these providers listed below:

- CommonApp
- EAB/Banner
- Follett
- Handshake
- Jotform
- Presto
- Slate
- Sodexo
- TouchNet

Stonehill College does not knowingly collect personally identifiable information from children (defined herein as individuals under the age of thirteen) without obtaining parental consent. Implied parental consent includes, but is not limited to, the use of a parent's login, parent-supplied credit card information, or the inclusion of parent personal information on registration forms. While some Stonehill College departments provide services to children, we request that all children have their parents read this Privacy Policy and any additional policies associated with the specific service for which they are registering. Furthermore, we encourage ongoing parental involvement throughout the registration process. Information provided by children during registration is never sold or provided to third parties. However, certain information may be shared with other Stonehill College departments to provide the child with relevant information about Stonehill College.

Use of Information We Collect

Use of Non-Personally Identifiable Information

We utilize non-personally identifiable information collected during your website browsing to enhance your individual experience and provide more personalized responses. Additionally, we aggregate non-personally identifiable information from multiple users to create statistical reports, enabling us to better administer our website, diagnose any server issues that may arise, and improve the overall user experience.

Use of Personally Identifiable Information

By voluntarily providing personally identifiable information, you imply consent for Stonehill College to collect and use this information for the purposes for which it was provided. Your information is utilized to deliver requested materials, products, and services, as well as to facilitate relationships with the College, such as the admissions process and fundraising programs. If you no longer wish to receive information from Stonehill College, you may opt out by contacting the department from which the information was received. Only authorized Stonehill College employees who require personally identifiable information to perform specific job functions are granted access to such information. Unless mandated by law, personally identifiable information is shared with third parties only as necessary to provide the materials, products, and services you request. When granting third parties access to personally identifiable information, contractual agreements are established to prevent unauthorized use or disclosure of the information. Stonehill College does not sell personally identifiable information to third parties.

Security

To protect against the loss, misuse, or alteration of information collected on our website, all data is stored within a controlled database environment accessible only to authorized Stonehill College staff. While we implement effective security measures, it is important to note that no security system is entirely impenetrable. Stonehill College cannot guarantee the absolute security of its database environment, nor can it ensure that information transmitted over the Internet will not be intercepted.

Public Self-Disclosure

Stonehill College does not have control over the actions of its website visitors or the potential use of publicly disclosed information. Please be aware that when personally identifiable information is disclosed on bulletin boards, guest books, chat rooms, or other public forums, it may be used by visitors to gather information and send unsolicited emails. We encourage you to report any instances of unsolicited or unwanted emails or misuse of information to Stonehill College.

Links to Other Websites

Our website may contain links to external websites outside the Stonehill College domain, including co-branded or affiliated sites that may or may not be owned or operated by Stonehill College. This privacy policy does not govern the practices of those websites. Users should familiarize themselves with the privacy policies of those sites.

Contact Information

If you have any questions regarding this privacy policy, please direct your inquiries to the Stonehill College Information Technology Department.

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