



Student Declaration of Financial Status and Consent to Release Education Records

under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

This form is to be used to declare your financial dependence or independence for the purpose of assigning rights of access to your Hendrix education records under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, commonly known as FERPA or the Buckley Amendment. FERPA is a federal law that protects the privacy of your education records. FERPA conveys to your parents certain rights with respect to these records (NOTE: FERPA regulations define “parent” to include not only a court-appointed guardian, but anyone essentially performing that role, such as a grandparent.) Those rights transfer to you when you reach the age of 18 or enroll in a postsecondary school.

Under FERPA, Hendrix may, at its discretion, disclose information in your education records, including financial and disciplinary records, to your parents either a) with your written consent, or b) without your consent, upon documentation of your financial dependency for tax purposes. Your age and your parents’ custodial status are not factors in this context. If either parent claims you as a dependent on tax returns, then either parent may be afforded access to your Hendrix education records [34 CFR Sec. 99.31(a)(8)]. With certain exceptions, if you are financially independent of your parents, you must give written consent for Hendrix to disclose to them any information from your education records.

As are all academic institutions, Hendrix is bound by FERPA in matters pertaining to rights of access and to disclosure of information in your education records. Subject to FERPA requirements and provisions, the College may provide access to said information in accordance with your declarations, as indicated below. (NOTE: Your declarations on this form will take precedence in any instance of a conflicting declaration made by you on other Hendrix forms.)

Please check the applicable statements below, then sign, date, and submit this form to the Office of the Registrar. This certification will remain in effect for your entire enrollment period at Hendrix unless you notify the Registrar otherwise in writing. If you elect not to sign or fail to complete or return this form, Hendrix will assume you are financially dependent and may release education records to your parents.

FINANCIAL STATUS DECLARATION:

I certify that I am financially dependent.
(You must check this item if either parent claims you as a dependent for tax purposes.)

I certify that I am financially independent.
(Independent status will not be assigned in the absence of attached IRS documentation.
Contact the Office of the Registrar for details.)

CONSENT TO RELEASE DECLARATION:

I consent to the release of my education records to the following individuals:
Mother/Guardian (print) _____
Father/Guardian (print) _____

I do not consent to the release of my education records to my parents. (This declaration is subject to challenge by parents, as described above.)

Signature

Date

Print Name

Hendrix ID#