



## What other agencies have access to FAFSA information?

There must be an explicit agreement in place whenever information is shared across federal agencies. Currently, the Department of Education shares information with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to confirm the status of students who apply for FAFSA as [eligible non-citizens](#). There are currently no agreements in place allowing DHS to use information collected as part of the FAFSA for the purposes of immigration enforcement. The Presidents' Alliance is developing a summary of all current data sharing agreements that will be available soon.

## What laws protect FAFSA information?

The use of FAFSA information is governed by the [Privacy Act of 1974](#). The Privacy Act clarifies that PII cannot be disclosed without written consent. There are 12 exceptions to this. Of these 12 exceptions, two are especially relevant when it comes to FAFSA:

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