

Francis Marion University Financial Aid Data Sharing Policy

March 23, 2018

Based on the FY 2018 spending bill passed on March 23, 2018, the FMU Office of Financial Assistance, even with written consent, cannot provide FAFSA information to outside scholarship organizations, Vocational Rehabilitation, food stamps, and income verification for rent, low-income housing, and other social services requests.

Students who need financial aid information for such organizations may provide requested data directly to third parties using the following methods:

- Expected Family Contribution (EFC) can be found on the Student Aid Report (SAR), which is available by logging in to the student's FAFSA at <https://fafsa.gov/>. After logging in, click the link to view the SAR.
- Financial Aid awards can be printed from [Patriot Portal](#). Please note that awards for continuing 2018-2019 students will be available mid-June 2018.
- Federal loan borrowing history and status can be printed by signing into www.nsls.ed.gov.
- Cost of Attendance: Estimated cost of attendance information can be found at <https://www.fmarion.edu/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Cost-of-Attendance.pdf>.
Important: The Living Wage Calculator and Inflation Rate Table were used to determine a reasonable estimate for tuition, fees, personal expenses, transportation costs, and living expenses. The figures were then added together to calculate the COA. Your COA could be lower or higher depending on your personal spending habits, if you purchase/rent books, if you rent a room versus owning a home, etc.