

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974 is a federal law designed to protect the privacy of a student's educational record that are not considered "directory" information. Educational records, including financial aid and student account records, are considered confidential and will not be released without written consent from the student, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. For this reason, it is necessary for the Financial Aid Office at Cisco College to obtain permission from a student in order to release financial aid information not excluded by FERPA laws. For a full disclosure regarding FERPA, see \* below.

When a student reaches the age of 18 or begins attending Cisco College, FERPA rights transfer from the parent to the student. FERPA does not recognize spouses; therefore, spouses have no rights to a student's educational or financial aid records. Parents and/or spouses can obtain non-directory information only with the written consent of the student.

In Accordance with FERPA, I \_\_\_\_\_ (student's name) authorize the release of my financial aid records, to the individuals named below. This release only pertains to my financial aid records and does not allow the individuals below access to information from any other