



**Permission to Release Financial Aid Information**

**Student's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **USC ID:** \_\_\_\_\_

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) protects the privacy of the student's education records. This prevents the University of South Carolina Palmetto College Campus from releasing personally identifiable information (PII) and educational records for the student to anyone not authorized by that student. You may voluntarily waive your privacy rights regarding a specific individual (such as a parent who is not on your FAFSA or a professor) by completing this form to grant the named person(s) access to information in your educational records.

If you would like to grant permission to the Financial Aid Office to speak with an individual listed below about your financial aid record, please complete the chart below.

**Release Start Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **\*Release End Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

\*If the release date is blank, we will assume there is no end date. You may revoke this permission at any time by contacting our office.

Name of Authorized Person or Organization (Please print legibly)	Relationship To You	Email Address	Phone Number

**CERTIFICATION**

*Under the Higher Education Act Section 483(a)(3)(E), as amended, information from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and resultant information is specifically restricted and can only be released to the applicant (student), parent claiming the student as a dependent for IRS tax purposes in the most recent year, or to federal, state, or eligible institutions for the awarding and administration of financial aid. This includes the parent or spouse, even if their information was provided on the FAFSA. An institution may, however, with the explicit written consent of the applicant, share FAFSA data with scholarship-granting organizations, tribal organizations, and any other individual or organization assisting the applicant in applying for and receiving federal, state, local or tribal financial assistance for any component of the applicant's cost of attendance. As such an applicant may sign a release of their FAFSA information, Financial Need, or resulting financial aid awards for an individual or organization. However, that individual or organization, when seeking a disclosure of this information, must clearly be able to confirm their identity through some Personally Identifiable Information on record with the Financial Aid Office and must cite the reason for seeking the FAFSA related information, which must meet one of the above criteria. Any disclosure of information will be documented. The institution holds the right to withhold information for any reason. The student may expire this privacy release at any time.*

*By signing below, I give my permission for the USC Palmetto College Regional Campus Financial Aid Office to speak with the above person(s) about my financial aid records. I certify that all the information reported is complete and correct. **WARNING:** if you purposely give false or misleading information, you may be fined, sent to prison, or both.*

**Student's Signature (Required):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_