

Place on school/LEA letterhead: school's name must be included in the header

CONSENT FORM

TOPS, COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, AID PROGRAMS & COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

=====
If you consent, your child's data will be shared with the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) through the Louisiana Department of Education (LDE) and its technology partner, the Office of Technology Services (OTS)¹ and the postsecondary education institution(s) to which your child applies (Institution) through the Board of Regents (BOR),LDE, and OTS to allow:

- You to **track your child's progress** in taking the courses and earning the grades required to be eligible for a Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) Scholarship and to **monitor your child's TOPS eligibility status** by having an account on LAS (www.osfa.la.gov/AwardSystem/).
- LOSFA to determine **whether your child is eligible for TOPS and other college aid using the Louisiana Award System (LAS)**.
- LOSFA to **make TOPS and other aid payments**.
- The Institution(s) to process his/her application for admission.

The data which is necessary to determine your child's eligibility for TOPS and for admission to an Institution and which may be shared with LOSFA and Institutions for these purposes includes:

- Full name
- Birthdate
- Social Security Number
- Student transcript data (includes but not limited to, courses taken, type of course, the grades for each course, and when and where the courses were taken).

If you do not consent to the disclosure of your child's data to LOSFA and to postsecondary Institutions, the evaluation of your child's eligibility for TOPS and for admission to college will be delayed until the information necessary to make a determination is provided.

=====
I CONSENT

I CONSENT to my child's school collecting my child's personal information named above and disclosing the personal information collected to LOSFA, to the Institution, and to the entities named above.

I understand and acknowledge that the consent provided herein shall be valid for my child's cumulative transcript records as of the date of signature and shall remain valid and in effect until he graduates from high school or I withdraw consent by completing the bottom portion of this form and returning it to my child's school.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

My Child's Full Name

Printed Name of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date

I DO NOT CONSENT

I DO NOT CONSENT to my child's school collecting my child's personal information named above and disclosing the personal information to LOSFA and BOR. I understand that I may provide consent at a later date by completing the consent portion of this form above and returning it to my child's school.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

My Child's Full Name

Printed Name of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date

¹ LDE and OTS will not have access to students' personally identifiable information to facilitate this process.
FORM 837 - Revised 10-13-2016