Federal legislation governs what information can or might be released about you once you enroll at Oberlin. The relevant federal legislation is the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974, sometimes referred to as the Buckley Amendment. In accordance with this legislation, Oberlin College has established standards governing the release of student “directory” information to third parties and of academic information to parents or guardians. Under FERPA, you may request that certain “directory” information be withheld from general distribution. In all cases, we will share restricted information with college officials who need to know the information to perform their job functions.

Oberlin College defines directory information to include:

- Student name
- address
- telephone listing
- major field of study
- dates of attendance
- degrees and awards received
- participation in recognized activities and sports that officially represent the College
- weight and height of members of athletic teams
- the most recent educational agency or institution attended by the student

Please indicate below what information you wish to restrict. Please Note: This restriction request will be in effect until the first day of classes for the next Fall Semester, unless you inform us in writing of a change. Therefore, you must complete a new restriction form at the beginning of each academic year or your first term of attendance in any given year.

☐ Do not release my home address
☐ Do not release my home telephone number
☐ Do not release my local/campus address
☐ Do not release my local preferred telephone number (dorm, cell, or landline)
☐ Do not release my email address
☐ I do not want any information released to anyone about me. (College Officials are excluded from this request. This selection requires an appointment with the Registrar in order to be processed. Please contact the Academic Advising Resource Center/Office of the Registrar to schedule an appointment.)

RELEASE OF ACADEMIC INFORMATION TO PARENTS OR GUARDIANS

Oberlin College does not routinely send mailings to parents or guardians regarding a student’s academic record. The exception is the case of action taken by an academic standing committee; parents are routinely notified of decisions of the committee.

Under federal regulations, the College is permitted to release grades and information regarding academic status to parents or guardians upon proof from one your parents of your status as a dependent for federal tax purposes or upon receiving written permission from you.

If you are no longer a dependent student (for federal tax purposes), you have the right to file a restriction of release of this information to your parents.

The complete policy regarding confidentiality of records is contained online at http://new.oberlin.edu/students/policies/