

Dear Coastline Students,

Coastline College is committed to safeguarding student data in compliance with state and federal laws, regardless of an individual's immigration status. Here's how these laws protect you:

**1. Federal Privacy Law (FERPA)**

The Family and Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) ensures your personal information stays private. Coastline College cannot share your records without your consent, except in rare cases required by law.

**2. California Sanctuary Law (SB54)**

California's Sanctuary Law, also known as the California Values Act (2017), provides additional protections for undocumented students. Coastline College follows these rules to:

- Limit cooperation with immigration enforcement
- Maintain a safe, welcoming environment for all students, regardless of immigration status.

There are legitimate concerns that personal information shared through the FAFSA application may not have the same data privacy protections. For students with mixed-status families, completing the California Dream Act Application (CDAA) is a viable option to apply for state financial aid safely. Please be aware that by choosing to complete the CDAA instead of the FAFSA, you will not be eligible for federal financial aid, such as Pell Grants, Federal Work-Study, and federal loans. We encourage students and families to weigh these considerations carefully and make an informed decision based on their individual needs and circumstances. Coastline College Financial Aid Staff is committed to supporting you in understanding your options and making the best decision for your financial aid needs.

Need Assistance?

Free legal services and additional resources are here to help you:

- [Legal Services | California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office](#)
- [Basic Needs, including food, housing, and financial resources](#)
- [Financial Aid Contact Information](#)
- [Dream Resource Program | Supporting students with undocumented/mixed legal status](#)

Per federal legislation (FERPA/Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974) and per Coast Community College district Board Policy 3300 and Administrative Procedures 3300, the following is what the college can release if requested:

Directory information includes one or more of the following: student's name, birthdate, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weights and heights of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, number of units of enrollment, and degrees and awards received. For more information on Directory Information and FERPA, please visit this website and follow the link: <https://www.coastline.edu/admissions-and-records/current-students/ferpa.php>.

There are also Coast Community College District Policy and Administrative Procedures (BP and AP 5040) which address requests for directory information:

<https://www.cccd.edu/boardoftrustees/boardpolicies/student-services.html>

Our Dream Resource Program and services are also available to assist. Students can contact Dalia Zetina directly at (714) 241-6003.

Sincerely,

Vince Rodriguez, E.D.  
President, Coastline College