

**LOUISIANA STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

***Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS)  
Bulletin***

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TOPICS:	Consent Form – 18 Years old or Emancipated Minors for the TOPS Tracker, Determination of TOPS Eligibility, and College Admissions

Act 837 of the 2014 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature requires the governing authority of each school to provide a form to the parent or legal guardian of each student enrolled in grades eight through twelve which explains that the parent has the right to determine whether their child's Personally Identifiable Information (PII) can be released to LOSFA and to the postsecondary education institution(s) to which their child applies.

Act 837 does not apply to students who are 18 or older or students who are emancipated; however, we understand that there is concern regarding the collection and transmission of these students' data without their consent. As a result, LOSFA has devised the attached form which schools may use to obtain consent from students who are 18 or older and students who are emancipated.

For additional information or if you have any questions about the Consent Form(s), please e-mail [losfa.consent@la.gov](mailto:losfa.consent@la.gov).

**CONSENT FORM**

**TOPS, COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, AID PROGRAMS & COLLEGE ADMISSIONS  
For Students 18 Years Old or Older and Emancipated Students\***

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School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ LEA: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If Applicable)

**I CONSENT TO THE FOLLOWING:**

**Data to be shared:**

- Full name
- Birthdate
- Social Security Number
- My cumulative 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).

Please share the above data with the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) through the Louisiana Department of Education (LDE) and the postsecondary education institution(s) to which I apply (Institution) through the Board of Regents (BOR) and LDE to allow:

- LOSFA to determine **whether I am eligible for TOPS and other college aid using the Louisiana Award System (LAS).**
- LOSFA to **make TOPS and other aid payments.**
- The Institution to process my application for admissions to the Institution.

I am  18 years old/  Emancipated\*. (Check the applicable box)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Date of Birth\*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\*If student is emancipated, attach a copy of the court records evidencing the emancipation.