



## **FAIR CREDIT REPORTING ACT DISCLOSURE AND AUTHORIZATION REGARDING CONSUMER REPORTS**

### **DISCLOSURE**

In considering you as an applicant for employment, promotion, reassignment, contract assignment, or other lawful purpose related to your engagement with University of the South-affiliated programs, we may choose to secure and use information contained in either a consumer report or investigative consumer report about you obtained from a consumer reporting agency when: (1) making a decision to offer or continue your employment, (2) making other employment-related decisions directly affecting you, (3) making a decision to authorize your engagement with a University-affiliated program as a volunteer, independent contractor, or other lawful relationship resulting from your engagement in such University of the South-affiliated programming. Additional information is available at the Federal Trade Commission's web site (<http://www.ftc.gov>). For more information, including information about additional rights, go to [www.consumerfinance.gov](http://www.consumerfinance.gov) or write to Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, PO Box 4503, Iowa City, IA 52244.

For explanation purposes, a "consumer reporting agency" is a person or business that, on a cooperative nonprofit basis, or for monetary fees or dues, regularly assembles or evaluates consumer credit information or other information on consumers for a person who has a legitimate business need for the information or intends to use the information for employment or other lawful purposes. The University has engaged consumer reporting agency: PreTrax Inc., 10 Center Street, Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44022.

A "consumer report" means any written, oral or other communication of any information by a consumer reporting agency bearing on your credit worthiness, credit standing, credit capacity, character, general reputation, personal characteristics, or mode of living which is used or expected to be used or collected in whole or in part for the purpose of serving as a factor in establishing your eligibility for employment or other lawful purposes.

An "investigative consumer report" means a consumer report or portion thereof in which information on your character, general reputation, personal characteristics, or mode of living is obtained through personal interviews with your neighbors, friends, or associates reported on or with others with whom you are acquainted or who may have knowledge concerning any such items of information.

In the event an investigative consumer report is prepared, you may request additional disclosures regarding the nature and scope of the investigation requested as well as a written summary of your rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act.

### **AUTHORIZATION**

By signing below, I authorize the University of the South to obtain a consumer report and/or an investigative report about you in order to consider you for employment, promotion, reassignment, contract assignment, or other lawful purpose related to your engagement with University of the South-affiliated programs. While employed, contacted, actively volunteering, or actively engaged in University of the South-affiliated programs, this authorization shall remain on file and shall serve as an ongoing authorization for us to procure consumer reports at any time during the period of engagement in said activities.

By signing below, I authorize all previous employers, personal references, law enforcement departments, and others having knowledge or information about me to provide such information to the consumer investigating agency and the University of the South to verify the information contained in my application for employment and to evaluate

my qualifications, background, and abilities. I agree that a facsimile or photocopy of this authorization may be accepted with the same authority as the original.

I am providing the information set forth below to assist in the background investigation and reporting that I have authorized. I hereby certify that the information below is true, correct, and complete. I understand that my social security number and date of birth are being requested solely for the purpose of obtaining an accurate consumer report.

**Please Print the Information Requested Below**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Last, First, Middle Initial)*

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt/Unit # \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License State: \_\_\_\_\_ Driver's License # \_\_\_\_\_

Beginning with the most recent, list all cities/states in which you have resided in the last seven years:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

List any of names used: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional space, as needed: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **ADDITIONAL STATE LAW NOTICES**

### **For Maine Applicants Only**

Upon request, you will be informed whether or not an investigative consumer report was requested, and if such a report was requested, the name and address of the consumer reporting agency furnishing the report. You may request and receive from us, within 5 business days of our receipt of your request, the name, address and telephone number of the nearest unit designated to handle inquiries for the consumer reporting agency issuing an investigative consumer report concerning you. You also have the right, under Maine law, to request and promptly receive from all such agencies copies of any reports.

### **For Massachusetts Applicants Only**

You have the right, upon request, to know whether the company ordered an investigative consumer report about you. You also have the right to ask a consumer reporting agency for a copy of any such report.

### **For Minnesota Applicants & Residents**

You have the right in most circumstances to submit a written request to the consumer reporting agency for a complete and accurate disclosure of the nature and scope of any consumer report the company ordered about you. The consumer reporting agency must provide you with this disclosure within five (5) business days after its receipt of your request or the report was requested by the company, whichever date is later. If an investigative consumer report is obtained, such a report may include information obtained through personal interviews regarding your character, general reputation, personal characteristics, or mode of living.

### **For New Jersey Applicants & Residents**

You have the right to submit a request to the consumer reporting agency for a copy of any investigative consumer report the company ordered about you.

### **For New York Applicants & Residents**

You have the right, upon written request, to be informed of whether or not a consumer report and/or investigative consumer report was requested. If a consumer report is requested, you will be provided with the name and address of the consumer reporting agency furnishing the report.

### **For Washington Applicants & Residents**

If we request an investigative consumer report, you have the right, upon written request made within a reasonable period of time, to receive from us a complete and accurate disclosure of the nature and scope of the investigation. You are entitled to this disclosure within five business days after the date your request is received or we ordered the report, whichever is later. You have the right to request from the consumer reporting agency a summary of your rights and remedies under state law.

### **For Minnesota, Oklahoma and California Applicants Only**

In connection with your application for employment, your investigative consumer report may be obtained and reviewed. Under California, Minnesota and Oklahoma law, you have a right to a free copy of your investigative consumer report by checking the appropriate box below.

\_\_\_\_\_ YES, I am a California resident and would like a free copy of my consumer report.

\_\_\_\_\_ YES, I am a Minnesota resident and would like a free copy of my consumer report.

\_\_\_\_\_ YES, I am an Oklahoma resident and would like a free copy of my consumer report.

*Para información en español, visite [www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore) o escribe a la Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, 1700 G Street N.W., Washington, DC 20552.*

## **A Summary of Your Rights Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act**

The federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) promotes the accuracy, fairness, and privacy of information in the files of consumer reporting agencies. There are many types of consumer reporting agencies, including credit bureaus and specialty agencies (such as agencies that sell information about check writing histories, medical records, and rental history records). Here is a summary of your major rights under the FCRA. **For more information, including information about additional rights, go to [www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore) or write to: Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, 1700 G Street N.W., Washington, DC 20552.**

- **You must be told if information in your file has been used against you.** Anyone who uses a credit report or another type of consumer report to deny your application for credit, insurance, or employment – or to take another adverse action against you – must tell you, and must give you the name, address, and phone number of the agency that provided the information.
- **You have the right to know what is in your file.** You may request and obtain all the information about you in the files of a consumer reporting agency (your “file disclosure”). You will be required to provide proper identification, which may include your Social Security number. In many cases, the disclosure will be free. You are entitled to a free file disclosure if:
  - a person has taken adverse action against you because of information in your credit report;
  - you are the victim of identity theft and place a fraud alert in your file;
  - your file contains inaccurate information as a result of fraud;
  - you are on public assistance;
  - you are unemployed but expect to apply for employment within 60 days.

In addition, all consumers are entitled to one free disclosure every 12 months upon request from each nationwide credit bureau and from nationwide specialty consumer reporting agencies. See [www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore) for additional information.

- **You have the right to ask for a credit score.** Credit scores are numerical summaries of your credit-worthiness based on information from credit bureaus. You may request a credit score from consumer reporting agencies that create scores or distribute scores used in residential real property loans, but you will have to pay for it. In some mortgage transactions, you will receive credit score information for free from the mortgage lender.
- **You have the right to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information.** If you identify information in your file that is incomplete or inaccurate, and report it to the consumer reporting agency, the agency must investigate unless your dispute is frivolous. See [www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore) for an explanation of dispute procedures.

- **Consumer reporting agencies must correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information.** Inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information must be removed or corrected, usually within 30 days. However, a consumer reporting agency may continue to report information it has verified as accurate.
- **Consumer reporting agencies may not report outdated negative information.** In most cases, a consumer reporting agency may not report negative information that is more than seven years old, or bankruptcies that are more than 10 years old.
- **Access to your file is limited.** A consumer reporting agency may provide information about you only to people with a valid need -- usually to consider an application with a creditor, insurer, employer, landlord, or other business. The FCRA specifies those with a valid need for access.
- **You must give your consent for reports to be provided to employers.** A consumer reporting agency may not give out information about you to your employer, or a potential employer, without your written consent given to the employer. Written consent generally is not required in the trucking industry. For more information, go to [www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore).
- **You may limit “prescreened” offers of credit and insurance you get based on information in your credit report.** Unsolicited “prescreened” offers for credit and insurance must include a toll-free phone number you can call if you choose to remove your name and address from the lists these offers are based on. You may opt out with the nationwide credit bureaus at 1-888-5-OPTOUT (1-888-567-8688).
- **You may seek damages from violators.** If a consumer reporting agency, or, in some cases, a user of consumer reports or a furnisher of information to a consumer reporting agency violates the FCRA, you may be able to sue in state or federal court.
- **Identity theft victims and active duty military personnel have additional rights.** For more information, visit [www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/learnmore).

**States may enforce the FCRA, and many states have their own consumer reporting laws. In some cases, you may have more rights under state law. For more information, contact your state or local consumer protection agency or your state Attorney General. For information about your federal rights, contact:**

TYPE OF BUSINESS:	CONTACT:
1.a. Banks, savings associations, and credit unions with total assets of over \$10 billion and their affiliates	a. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau 1700 G Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20552
b. Such affiliates that are not banks, savings associations, or credit unions also should list,	b. Federal Trade Commission: Consumer Response Center – FCRA

in addition to the CFPB:	Washington, DC 20580 (877) 382-4357
2. To the extent not included in item 1 above:	
a. National banks, federal savings associations, and federal branches and federal agencies of foreign banks	a. Office of the Comptroller of the Currency Customer Assistance Group 1301 McKinney Street, Suite 3450 Houston, TX 77010-9050
b. State member banks, branches and agencies of foreign banks (other than federal branches, federal agencies, and Insured State Branches of Foreign Banks), commercial lending companies owned or controlled by foreign banks, and organizations operating under section 25 or 25A of the Federal Reserve Act	b. Federal Reserve Consumer Help Center P.O. Box. 1200 Minneapolis, MN 55480
c. Nonmember Insured Banks, Insured State Branches of Foreign Banks, and insured state savings associations	c. FDIC Consumer Response Center 1100 Walnut Street, Box #11 Kansas City, MO 64106
d. Federal Credit Unions	d. National Credit Union Administration Office of Consumer Protection (OCP) Division of Consumer Compliance and Outreach (DCCO) 1775 Duke Street Alexandria, VA 22314
3. Air carriers	Asst. General Counsel for Aviation Enforcement & Proceedings Aviation Consumer Protection Division Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E. Washington, DC 20590
4. Creditors Subject to the Surface Transportation Board	Office of Proceedings, Surface Transportation Board Department of Transportation 395 E Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20423
5. Creditors Subject to the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921	Nearest Packers and Stockyards Administration area supervisor
6. Small Business Investment Companies	Associate Deputy Administrator for Capital Access United States Small Business Administration 409 Third Street, S.W., 8 <sup>th</sup> Floor Washington, DC 20416
7. Brokers and Dealers	Securities and Exchange Commission 100 F Street, N.E.

	Washington, DC 20549
8. Federal Land Banks, Federal Land Bank Associations, Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, and Production Credit Associations	Farm Credit Administration 1501 Farm Credit Drive McLean, VA 22102-5090
9. Retailers, Finance Companies, and All Other Creditors Not Listed Above	FTC Regional Office for region in which the creditor operates <u>or</u> Federal Trade Commission: Consumer Response Center – FCRA Washington, DC 20580 (877) 382-4357