

**INFORMATION ON THE F.E.R.P.A. AND USE OF YOUR
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER**

The F.E.R.P.A. of 1974 requires that each federal, state or local agency that asks for your social security number or other information must tell you the following:

1. Its legal right to ask for the information and whether the law says you must give it;
2. What purpose this agency has in asking for it and how it will be used; and
3. What could happen if you do not give it.

The number is needed to be sure we know who you are, to process your application, and to keep track of your record. We use your social security number in recording information about your college attendance; and in making sure that you have received the benefit of this scholarship. If you do not give us your social security number, you will not receive aid from the Nicholas R. Sanford Memorial Scholarship. Sanford scholarship applicants are hereby advised that disclosure of their social security number is a requirement and a condition for receiving a Nicholas R. Sanford Memorial Scholarship. This agency, without such an identifier, would have difficulty in maintaining proper program records. Section 7(a)(2) of the F.E.R.P.A. provides that an agency may continue to require the disclosure of an individual's social security account number where the agency required this disclosure under statute or regulations prior to January 1, 1975, in order to verify the identity of the individual. Beginning in 1978 applicants for Venango Area Community Foundation scholarships have been required to answer all questions completely or face disqualification for grant assistance. All subsequent forms utilized by this agency contain the social security account number as the identifier of the applicant, including eligibility announcements forwarded to the student and the financial aid officer of the postsecondary institution.

STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION OF AUTHORIZATION

By signing the application, I/we authorize this agency for any year in which the applicant is considered for a Nicholas R. Sanford Memorial Scholarship: to make public announcement of any Sanford award made to the applicant; to investigate in any manner deemed appropriate by this agency, the eligibility of the applicant for a Sanford Scholarship; to forward to the postsecondary institution(s) which the applicant listed or subsequently indicates that the applicant may attend and to others administering financial aid which may bear on eligibility under the application, all information on any application and all information subsequently submitted to or acquired by the Agency. I/we also authorize and direct other federal, state and local government agencies, my high school, and my present and future employers to release to this agency information in their possession which may bear on my eligibility under the application. I/we understand that all documents submitted to this agency become the property of this agency and cannot be returned. I/we declare under penalty of the criminal laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that the application has been examined by me/us and to the best of my knowledge and belief is a true, correct and complete application. I, the applicant, understand that this scholarship, if awarded, cannot exceed unpaid charges by the institution for educational costs as determined by this agency (tuition and mandatory fees, room and board, and an academic year allowance for books.)

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By signing the Application for the Nicholas R. Sanford Memorial Scholarship, I/we hereby affirm that the signature below constitutes acceptance of the Statement of Certification of Authorization on this page, which is incorporated herein by reference and which I/we have read, understand, agree to and certify.

SIGNATURE OF STUDENT _____ **DATE** _____

PARENT'S SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____
(Required if student is less than the age of 18)