

# State Agency Complaint Information

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Effective July 1, 2011, Federal regulations require that U.S. colleges and universities provide students information on state agencies to contact in the event of a complaint against a school. Those regulations also require that the responsible state agency provide an accessible complaint process. Web links shown below were active as of March 2021. Note that most state agencies require that a student first follow their university's complaint/grievance policy before they may file a complaint with the state. No state will accept anonymous complaints against an institution.

# Alabama

Commission on Higher Education P.O. Box 302000 Montgomery, AL 36130-2000 Phone: (334) 242.1998

Complaints: https://ache.edu/ACHE\_Reports/Forms/SARA/StudentComp.pdf

### Alaska

Commission on Postsecondary Education P.O. Box 110505 Juneau, AK 99811-0505 Phone: (907) 465-6741

Complaints: https://acpe.alaska.gov/ConsumerProtection

### Arizona

Private Postsecondary 1740 W. Adams, Suite 3008 Phoenix, Arizona 85007 Phone: (602) 542-5709 Complaints: https://ppse.az.gov/complaint

# Arkansas

Division of Higher Education 423 Main Street, Suite 400 Little Rock, AR 72201 Phone: (501) 371-2000 https://sbpce.wufoo.com/forms/form-8040-complaint-form/

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# California

Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education P. O. Box 980818 W. Sacramento, CA 95798-0818 Phone: (916) 431-6905

Complaints: http://www.bppe.ca.gov/enforcement/complaint.shtml

# Colorado

Director, Office of Private Postsecondary Education 1600 Broadway, Suite 2200 Denver, CO 80202 Phone: (303) 866-2723

Complaints: https://cdhe.colorado.gov/educators/administration/state-authorization-reciprocity-agreement-sara

# Connecticut

Office of Higher Education 450 Columbus Boulevard, Suite 510 Hartford, CT 06103-1841 Phone: (860) 947-1800 Complaints: http://www.ctohe.org/StudentComplaints.shtml

### Delaware

Department of Education, Higher Education Office Attn: SARA Student Complaints 401 Federal Street, Suite 2 Dover, DE 19901 Phone: (302) 735-4120 Complaints: https://www.doe.k12.de.us/sara



District of Columbia Education Licensure Commission Office of the State Superintendent of Education 1050 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20002 Phone: (202) 727-6436

Complaints: http://osse.dc.gov/service/public-complaints

#### Florida

Commission for Independent Education 325 W. Gaines St, Suite 1414 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400 Phone: (850) 245-3200 Complaints: http://www.fldoe.org/policy/cie/file-a-complaint.stml

#### Georgia

Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission 2082 E. Exchange Place, Suite 220 Tucker, GA 30084-5305 Phone: 770-414-3300

Complaints: http://www.fldoe.org/policy/cie/file-a-complaint.stml

#### Hawaii

State Board of Education
P.O. Box 2360
Honolulu HI 96804
Phone: (808) 586-3334
Complaints: http://cca.hawaii.gov/hpeap/student-complaint-process/

# Idaho

State Board of Education 650 W. State Street, 3rdh Floor Boise, ID 83720 Phone: 208-334-2270

Complaints:https://boardofed.idaho.gov/higher-education-private/private-colleges-degree-granting/student-complaint-procedures/

# Illinois

Board of Higher Education 1 North Old State Capitol Plaza Springfield, Illinois 62701-1377 Phone: (217) 557-7359 (Complaint Hotline) Complaints: http://complaints.ibhe.org/

# Indiana

Commission for Higher Education 101 W Ohio St, Ste 300 Indianapolis, IN 46204 Phone: (317) 464-4400

Complaints: https://www.in.gov/che/student-complaints/

### Iowa

Iowa College Aid 60475 SW Fifth St., Suite D Des Moines, IA 50309 Phone: (515) 725-3400

Complaints: https://www.iowacollegeaid.gov/StudentComplaintForm

# Kansas

Board of Regents
Director, Private/Out-of-State Postsecondary Education
1000 SW Jackson Street, Suite 520 Topeka, KS 66612-1368
Phone: (785) 296-4917
Complaints: http://www.kansasregents.org/private\_postsecondary\_complaint\_process



Kentucky

Council on Postsecondary Education 100 Airport Road, Frankfort, KY 40601

Phone: (502) 573-1555, ext. 350 Fax: (502) 573-1535

Complaints: http://cpe.ky.gov/campuses/consumer\_complaint.html

Louisiana

Board of Regents P.O. Box 3677

Baton Rouge, LA 70821-3677

Complaints: https://regents.la.gov/divisions/planning-research-and-academic-affairs/institutional-licensure/sara/

Maine

Department of Education 23 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0023 Phone: (207) 624-6600

https://www.maine.gov/doe/learning/highered/sara

Maryland

Consumer Protection Division Office of the Attorney General 200 Saint Paul Place Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Phone: (410) 528-8662

Complaints: https://mhec.maryland.gov/institutions\_training/Documents/acadaff/MHECStudentComplaintProcedures.pdf

Massachusetts

Department of Higher Education
One Ashburton Place, Room 1401 Boston, MA 02108

Phone: (617) 994-6950

Complaints: https://www.mass.edu/forstufam/complaints/complaints.asp

Michigan

Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Corporations, Securities & Commercial Licensing Bureau P.O. Box 30018 Lansing, MI 48909

Phone: (517) 241-6470

Complaints: https://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/Post-Secondary\_Student\_Complaints\_498839\_7.pdf

Minnesota

Registration and Licensing Office of Higher Education 1450 Energy Park Drive, Suite 350 St. Paul, MN 55108-5227 Phone: (651) 259-3975

Complaints: http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/mPg.cfm?pageID=1078

Mississippi

Commission of on College Accreditation 3825 Ridgewood Road Jackson, MS 39211

Phone: (601) 432-6372

Complaints: http://www.mississippi.edu/mcca/student\_complaint\_process.asp

Missouri

Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development P.O. Box 1469 Jefferson City, MO 65102-1469

Phone: (573) 751-2361

Complaints: https://dhewd.mo.gov/documents/POLICYONCOMPLAINTRESOLUTION-reviseddraft.pdf



# Montana

Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education

560 N. Park Ave, PO Box 203201 Helena, MT 59620-3201

Phone: (406) 444-6570

Complaints: https://www.mus.edu/MUS-Statement-of-Complaint-Process.html

### Nebraska

Investigations Office 2115 State Capital Lincoln, NE 68509 Phone: (402) 471-0730

Complaints: https://www.education.ne.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/PPCS\_Complaint-form.pdf

https://ccpe.nebraska.gov/student-complaints-against-postsecondary-institutions

#### Nevada

Commission on Postsecondary Education

2800 E. St. Louis Avenue Las Vegas, Nevada 89104

Phone: (702) 486-7330

Complaints: https://cpe.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/cpenvgov/content/Students/Complaint%20Form%20Initial%202021.pdf

## **New Hampshire**

Department of Education 101 Pleasant Street Concord, NH 03301 Phone: (603) 271-3494

Complaints: https://my.doe.nh.gov/ESSWEB/HigherEducation/Complaint.aspx

# **New Jersey**

Commission on Higher Education

P.O. Box 542 Trenton, NJ 08625

Phone: (609) 292-4310

Complaints: https://www.state.nj.us/highereducation/OSHEComplaintInstructions.shtml

# **New Mexico**

Higher Education Department 2048 Galisteo Street, Suite 4 Santa Fe, NM 87505-2100 Phone: (505) 476-8411

Complaints: https://hed.state.nm.us/students-parents/student-complaints

# New York

State Education Department

5 North Mezzanine Albany, NY 12234 Phone: (518) 474-2593

Complaints: http://www.nysed.gov/college-university-evaluation/filing-complaint-about-college-or-university

# North Carolina

Consumer Protection Division Attorney General's Office

Mail Service Center 9001 Raleigh, NC 27699-9001

Phone: (919) 962-4558

Complaints: https://www.northcarolina.edu/post-secondary-education-complaints/

### North Dakota

Outreach Manager, Core Technology Services of the North Dakota University System 2000 44th St. SW, Suite 301 Fargo, ND 58103

Complaints: https://ndus.edu/state-authorization-sara/



### Ohio

Department of Higher Education 25 South Front Street Columbus, OH 43215-3414

Phone: (614) 466-6000

Complaints: https://www.ohiohighered.org/students/complaints

### Oklahoma

State Regents for Higher Education 655 Research Parkway, Ste 200 Oklahoma City, OK 73104 Phone: (405) 225-9100

Complaints: https://www.okhighered.org/current-college-students/complaints.shtml

## Oregon

Higher Education Coordinating Commission 3225 25th Street SE Salem, OR 97302

Phone: (503) 947-5925

Complaints: https://www.oregon.gov/highered/about/Pages/complaints.aspx

### Pennsylvania

Division of Higher Education, Access, and Equity Pennsylvania Department of Education - Postsecondary and Adult Education 333 Market Street, 12th Floor Harrisburg, PA 17126-0333 Phone: (717) 783-8228

Complaints:

https://www.education.pa.gov/Postsecondary-Adult/CollegeCareer/Pages/Students-Complaints.aspx

# Puerto Rico

Council on Education Director PO Box 19900 San Juan, PR 00910-1900

Complaints: http://www.agencias.pr.gov/agencias/cepr/inicio/DocumentosCEPR/Documents/SARA/SARA\_Complaint\_Process.pdf

### Rhode Island

Board of Governors for Higher Education 80 Washington Street, Suite 524 Providence, RI 02903 Phone: (401) 456-6000

Complaints: http://www.ribghe.org/pdfs/BOGStudentComplaintProcessII011012.pdf

# South Carolina

Commission on Higher Education Academic Affairs 1122 Lady Street, Suite 300 Columbia, SC 29201.

Phone: (803) 737- 2260

Complaints: https://www.che.sc.gov/CHE\_Docs/academicaffairs/license/Complaint\_Procedures\_and\_Form.pdf

# South Dakota

Board of Regents 306 East Capitol Ave., Suite 200

Pierre, SD 57501 Phone: (605) 773-3455

Complaints:https://www.sdbor.edu/administrative-offices/academics/SD-SARA/Documents/Complaint%20Form%20-%20SD-SARA.pdf

# Tennessee

**Higher Education Commission** 

Parkway Towers, Suite 1900 Nashville, TN 37243-0830

Complaints:https://www.tn.gov/thec/bureaus/student-aid-and-compliance/postsecondary-state-authorization/request-for-complaint-review.html



**Texas** 

**Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board** 

1200 E. Anderson Lane, Austin, TX

Phone: (512) 427-6101

Complaints: https://www.highered.texas.gov/links/student-complaints/

Utah

Utah Division of Consumer Protection

160 East 300 South Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

Phone: (801) 530-6601

Complaints: https://ushe.edu/office-of-commissioner/state-authorization-ut-sara/

Vermont

Vermont Agency of Education

1 National Life Drive, Davis 5 Montpelier, VT 05620-2501

Phone: (802) 828-1130

Complaints: https://education.vermont.gov/documents/postsecondary-program-complaint-resolution

Virginia

State Council of Higher Education for Virginia

101 N. 14th St., 10th Floor, James Monroe Bldg.

Richmond, VA 23219

Phone: (804) 225-2600

Complaints: https://schev.edu/index/students-and-parents/resources/student-complaints

Washington

Washington Student Achievement Council

917 Lakeridge Way SW Olympia, WA 98502

Phone: (360) 753-7800

Complaints: https://wsac.wa.gov/student-complaints

West Virginia

Higher Education Policy Commission

1018 Kanawha Blvd East, Ste. 700 Charleston WV 25301-2800

Phone: (304) 558.2101

Complaints: https://www.wvhepc.edu/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/Student-Complaint-Process-revised.pdf

Wisconsin

Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities

P.O. Box 8696 Madison, WI 53708-8696

Phone: (608) 266-1996

Complaints: http://www.heab.state.wi.us/DLAB/students.html#file

Wyoming

Wyoming Department of Education

122 W. 25th St. Suite E200 Cheyenne, WY 82002

Phone: (307) 777-7675

Complaints: https://edu.wyoming.gov/blog/2018/12/06/student-complaint-form/State Board of Education