

Waiver of Rights

Explanation for College & Scholarship Applications

An understanding exists between colleges and secondary schools that evaluations and recommendations that they receive from high schools are confidential information. College admissions officers expect evaluations made with this understanding will be candid and honest. Therefore, they have much more validity and carry appreciably more weight in the admissions process than those made in situations where parents and students have access to them.

Because of this, students/parents requesting letters of recommendation and other evaluations required by the college are asked, when it appears on forms, to indicate that they “**do waive**” access to this confidential information for the reasons described above.

Students should request recommendations from people they are confident will have positive things to say about them and that will be helpful in the process. If a student/parent indicates that they “**do not waive**” the right to access this information, it has little value.

In any case, recommenders (teachers, counselors, etc.) reserve the right to decide whether they will recommend any individual.