

## **Security Policy**

**Washington's Guaranteed Education Tuition Program** is committed to protecting your personal information and will not disclose or share personal information with other parties.

### **Information Sources**

We obtain personal information about our Account Owners and Beneficiaries from the following sources:

- Applications or other forms
- User ID and password creation for online account access
- Account transactions
- Web "cookies" that indicate which parts of our site you've visited. This data helps us provide a better service for GET's Web site visitors.

If you visit <http://www.get.wa.gov> and do not log in to your secure account, we do not obtain any personal information about you. When you do log in to a secure area, we obtain your user ID and password to identify you. We use this information to provide you with the services you have requested. We do not collect personal information through GET's Web site unless you willingly provide it to us, either directly by email or in those areas of the Web site that request information. In order to update your personal information (including your mailing address, email address and telephone number), you must first log in to our secure site.

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### **Protection of Information**

We do not disclose any individual account information about current or former Account Owners and Designated Beneficiaries to anyone, except as permitted by law.

### **Consent Required**

We will not disclose your personal information to unaffiliated third parties (except as permitted by law), unless you, the person who provides the information or the person who is the subject of the information gives express written consent to such disclosure.

### **Internet Security**

To protect your own privacy, confidential and/or personal information should only be communicated via email when you are advised that you are using a secure Web site. As a security measure, we do not include personal or account information in nonsecure emails, and we advise you not to send such information to us in nonsecure emails. We do not guarantee or warrant that any part of the Plan's Web site, including files available for download, are free of viruses or other harmful code. It is your

responsibility to take appropriate precautions, such as use of an antivirus software package, to protect your computer hardware and software.

- All transactions are secured by SSL and 128-bit encryption. The **Secure Socket Layer (SSL)** uses cryptographic protocols that provide security and data integrity for communications between your computer and our servers.
- You can exit GET's Web site secure area by either closing your browser, or for added security, you can use the log out button before you close your browser.

### **Other Security Measures**

We maintain physical, electronic and procedural safeguards to protect your personal account information. Our employees have access to that information only so that they may assist you when responding to your account questions.

### **How You Can Help**

You can also do your part to keep your account information private and to prevent unauthorized transactions. If you obtain a user ID and password for your account, do not allow it to be used by anyone else. Also, take special precautions when accessing your account on a computer used by others.

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### **Account Transactions**

Through use of a user ID and password, you are able to access account information on this Web site. In doing so, you are transmitting personal information. By using this Web site to gain access to your account information, you consent to the electronic transmission of that personal information to GET.

You are solely responsible for the confidentiality and use of your user ID, password and account number(s). You accept full responsibility for all transactions entered through your user ID and password. You agree to immediately notify us if your user ID and password are lost or stolen, if you become aware that your user ID, password and/or account number(s) is/are being used in an unauthorized manner, if you receive any confirmation of a transaction that you did not enter, or if you receive confirmation or a statement containing conflicting or inconsistent information regarding your account.

Failure to notify us of one of the above conditions will release us and our employees, agents, affiliates and subsidiaries from any responsibility or liability to you or any other person or entity resulting from the management or loss of any transaction.

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