## **Code of Ethics for Student Financial Aid**

McAllen Careers Institute adopts as its own the Statement of Ethical Principles of the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, which provides: "The primary goal of the Financial Aid Office is to help students achieve their educational potential by providing appropriate financial resources."

## The Student Financial Services Department shall:

- 1. Make every effort to meet the demonstrated needs of all students enrolled at McAllen Careers Institute to the extent that funding will permit in an ethical manner.
- 2. Help students seek, obtain, and make the best use of all financial resources available.
- 3. Educate students and families through quality consumer information.
- 4. Apply all needs analysis formulas consistently across McAllen Careers Institute's full population of student financial aid applicants.
- 5. Refrain from and discourage others from making any public announcement of the amount or type of financial aid awarded to a student in order to protect the confidentiality of the economic circumstances of the student and his/her family.
- 6. Respect the confidentiality of student records. Information shall be released only on the written consent of the student and/or his/her family and all policies and procedures should protect the student's rights of privacy.
- 7. Recognize the need for professional development and continuing education opportunities.
- 8. Refrain from taking any action for his/her personal benefit. To include accepting anything of other than a nominal value from any lending institution, student, or prioritizing lenders on McAllen Careers Institute's lender list based on personal gain.
- 9. Not take any action that he/she believes is contrary to law, regulations, or the best interests of McAllen Careers Institute, its students and parents that he/she serves.

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