

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR
INVESTIGATIVE CONSUMER REPORT DISCLOSURE

In connection with your current association as an independent contractor with the Diocese of New Ulm (including contract for services) or in determining whether to modify or continue your association (if you are already an independent contractor), a consumer report and/or an investigative consumer report, which may contain public record information, is requested by the Diocese of New Ulm from USIS Commercial Services, which is a consumer reporting agency. A consumer reporting agency is an individual or business which, for monetary fees, dues, or on a cooperative non-profit basis, regularly assembles or evaluates consumer credit information or other information on consumers for the purpose of furnishing "investigative consumer reports" to third parties. These reports may include the following types of information: names and dates of previous employers, reason for termination of employment, work experience, accidents, academic history, professional credentials, drug/alcohol use, information relating to your character, general reputation, personal characteristics, mode of living, educational background, or any other information about you which may reflect upon your potential for association with the Diocese of New Ulm gathered from any individual, organization, entity, agency, or other source which may have knowledge concerning any such items of information. Such reports may contain public record information concerning your driving record, worker's compensation claims, credit, bankruptcy proceedings, criminal records, etc., from federal, state and other agencies which maintain such records; as well as information from USIS concerning previous driving record requests made by others from such state agencies.

You have the right to receive, upon your written request within a reasonable period of time (not to exceed 30 days) a complete and accurate disclosure of the nature and scope of the investigation requested. You have the right to make a request to USIS, upon proper identification, to request the nature and substance of all information in its files on you at the time of your request, including the sources of information, and the recipients of any reports on you that USIS has previously furnished within the two-year period preceding your request. USIS may be contacted by mail at P.O. Box 33181, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 74153, or by phone at (800) 381-0645.

In the event that information from the report is utilized in whole or in part in making an adverse decision with regard to your association, before making the adverse decision, we will provide you with a copy of the investigative consumer report and a description in writing of your rights under the law.

Attached to this disclosure is a written summary of your rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) as prepared by the Federal Trade Commission.

Print Applicant/Employee (FIRST) (MIDDLE) (LAST) Name

Applicant/Employee Signature

Date

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR INVESTIGATIVE CONSUMER RELEASE

Pursuant to the Investigative Consumer Report Disclosure previously delivered to me, I authorize USIS Commercial Services to prepare a consumer report and/or investigative consumer report about me for association related purposes with the Diocese of New Ulm as an independent contractor. I have been provided a copy of the summary of the rights of the consumer pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA).

I hereby fully release and discharge USIS, their respective affiliates, subsidiaries, directors, officers, employees, agents and attorneys thereof, and each of them, and any individual, organization, entity, agency, or other source providing information to USIS from all claims and damages arising out of or relating to any investigation of my background for association related purposes with the Diocese as an independent contractor. This release is valid for all federal, state, county and local agencies, authorities, previous employers, military services, and educational institutions.

USIS is authorized to disclose all information obtained to the requesting entity for the purpose of making a determination as to my eligibility for association related purposes to the Diocese of New Ulm as an independent contractor or any other lawful purpose. I agree that such information which USIS has or obtains, and my employment history if I am accepted as an independent contractor, may be supplied by USIS to other companies that subscribe to USIS. If I am accepted or contracted, this authorization shall remain on file and shall serve as ongoing authorization for the procurement of consumer reports at any time during my association or contract period.

Minnesota Applicants Only: I request a copy of any consumer report processed on me.

Oklahoma Applicants Only: I request a copy of any credit report requested on me.

For purposes of gathering this information, I agree to supply the following information, which may be required by law enforcement agencies and other entities for positive identification purposes when checking records. It is confidential and will not be used for any other purpose.

Print other names you have used (Maiden, Former, etc.) _____

List States and Counties of Residence for the past 7 years. (Attach a separate sheet if more space is needed.)

State _____ **City/County** _____ **From** _____ **to** _____

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State _____ **City/County** _____ **From** _____ **to** _____

Home Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Daytime Phone Number _____ **E-Mail Address** _____

ENTIRE Social Security No. _____ - _____ - _____ **DOB (MM/DD/YYYY)** _____

State Issuing License _____ **Driver's License No.** _____

Sex (Circle One): Male Female **Race (Circle One):** Asian Black Hispanic White Other _____

By signing below, I certify that I have read and fully understand this release, that prior to signing I was given an opportunity to ask questions and to have those questions answered to my satisfaction, and that I executed this release voluntarily and with the knowledge that the information being released could affect my being accepted as an independent contractor.

I hereby certify the Diocese of New Ulm, a non-profit organization pursuant to 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service, and any of its parishes, schools, agencies, or institutions, whether or not separately incorporated, to process a background check and share that information among themselves.

I hereby certify that I have not been convicted under the laws of Minnesota, or any other state of the United States, or the laws of any other jurisdiction, of committing, attempting to commit, or conspiracy to commit, any crime, whether a felony or a misdemeanor, in the areas of juvenile prostitution or pimping, obscenity, child pornography, sexual assault, sexual abuse, child exploitation, the controlled substance act, a crime of violence, or any other crime where the victim was under the age of eighteen at the time of the offense.

I hereby acknowledge that I have been notified of the Safe Environment Policy and the Code of Conduct for the Diocese of New Ulm, and that I agree to conduct myself in accordance with those documents. **I also acknowledge** that I am fully aware of the consequences of any non-compliance.

I understand that any false statement or certification herein will be grounds for immediate termination.

Signature _____ **Today's Date** _____

Print your full (FIRST) (MIDDLE) (LAST) name _____

State of _____, **County of** _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ **day of** _____, **20** _____.

Notary Seal

Notary Public

Notice to California Applicants

Under California law, the consumer reports we order on you for employment purposes within the State of California are defined as investigative consumer reports. These reports may contain information on your character, general reputation, personal characteristics and mode of living. Under section 1786.22 of the California Civil Code, you may view the file maintained on you by USIS during normal business hours. You may also obtain a copy of this file upon submitting proper identification and paying the costs of duplication services, by appearing at USIS in person, by mail, or by telephone. USIS may be contacted by mail at P.O. Box 33181, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 74153, or by phone at (800) 318-0645. The agency is required to have personnel available to explain your file to you and the agency must explain to you any coded information appearing in your file. If you appear in person, a person of your choice may accompany you, provided that this person furnishes proper identification.

I request to receive a free copy of any investigative consumer report ordered on me by checking this box.

(California applicants only)

Parish/School Use Only – Parish/School _____ City _____ Billing No. _____

Date Sexual Misconduct Policy/Code of Conduct Signed and Received _____ **Diocesan Use Only** - Notified of B√ Result _____

Para informacion en espanol, visite www.ftc.gov/credit o escribe a la FTC Consumer Response Center, Room 130-A 600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580.

A Summary of Your Rights Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act

The federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) promotes the accuracy, fairness, and privacy of information in the files of consumer reporting agencies. There are many types of consumer reporting agencies, including credit bureaus and specialty agencies (such as agencies that sell information about check writing histories, medical records, and rental history records). Here is a summary of your major rights under the FCRA. **For more information, including information about additional rights, go to www.ftc.gov/credit or write to: Consumer Response Center, Room 130-A, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580.**

- **You must be told if information in your file has been used against you.** Anyone who uses a credit report or another type of consumer report to deny your application for credit, insurance, or employment – or to take another adverse action against you – must tell you, and must give you the name, address, and phone number of the agency that provided the information.
- **You have the right to know what is in your file.** You may request and obtain all the information about you in the files of a consumer reporting agency (your “file disclosure”). You will be required to provide proper identification, which may include your Social Security number. In many cases, the disclosure will be free. You are entitled to a free file disclosure if:
 - a person has taken adverse action against you because of information in your credit report;
 - you are the victim of identify theft and place a fraud alert in your file;
 - your file contains inaccurate information as a result of fraud;
 - you are on public assistance;
 - you are unemployed but expect to apply for employment within 60 days.

In addition, by September 2005 all consumers will be entitled to one free disclosure every 12 months upon request from each nationwide credit bureau and from nationwide specialty consumer reporting agencies. See www.ftc.gov/credit for additional information.

- **You have the right to ask for a credit score.** Credit scores are numerical summaries of your credit-worthiness based on information from credit bureaus. You may request a credit score from consumer reporting agencies that create scores or distribute scores used in residential real property loans, but you will have to pay for it. In some mortgage transactions, you will receive credit score information for free from the mortgage lender.
- **You have the right to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information.** If you identify information in your file that is incomplete or inaccurate, and report it to the consumer reporting agency, the agency must investigate unless your dispute is frivolous. See www.ftc.gov/credit for an explanation of dispute procedures.
- **Consumer reporting agencies must correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information.** Inaccurate, incomplete or unverifiable information must be removed or corrected, usually within 30 days. However, a consumer reporting agency may continue to report information it has verified as accurate.
- **Consumer reporting agencies may not report outdated negative information.** In most cases, a consumer reporting agency may not report negative information that is more than seven years old, or bankruptcies that are more than 10 years old.
- **Access to your file is limited.** A consumer reporting agency may provide information about

you only to people with a valid need -- usually to consider an application with a creditor, insurer, employer, landlord, or other business. The FCRA specifies those with a valid need for access.

- **You must give your consent for reports to be provided to employers.** A consumer reporting agency may not give out information about you to your employer, or a potential employer, without your written consent given to the employer. Written consent generally is not required in the trucking industry. For more information, go to www.ftc.gov/credit .
- **You may limit “prescreened” offers of credit and insurance you get based on information in your credit report.** Unsolicited “prescreened” offers for credit and insurance must include a toll-free phone number you can call if you choose to remove your name and address from the lists these offers are based on. You may opt-out with the nationwide credit bureaus at 1-888-567-8688.
- **You may seek damages from violators.** If a consumer reporting agency, or, in some cases, a user of consumer reports or a furnisher of information to a consumer reporting agency violates the FCRA, you may be able to sue in state or federal court.
- **Identity theft victims and active duty military personnel have additional rights.** For more information, visit www.ftc.gov/credit .

States may enforce the FCRA, and many states have their own consumer reporting laws. In some cases, you may have more rights under state law. For more information, contact your state or local consumer protection agency or your state Attorney General. Federal enforcers are:

TYPE OF BUSINESS:	CONTACT:
Consumer reporting agencies, creditors and others not listed below	Federal Trade Commission: Consumer Response Center - FCRA Washington, DC 20580 1-877-382-4357
National banks, federal branches/agencies of foreign banks (word National or initials "N.A." appear in or after bank's name)	Office of the Comptroller of the Currency Compliance Management, Mail Stop 6-6 Washington, DC 20219 800-613-6743
Federal Reserve System member banks (except national banks, and federal branches/agencies of foreign banks)	Federal Reserve Board Division of Consumer & Community Affairs Washington, DC 20551 202-452-3693
Savings associations and federally chartered savings banks (word "Federal" or initials "F.S.B." appear in federal institution's name)	Office of Thrift Supervision Consumer Complaints Washington, DC 20552 800-842-6929
Federal credit unions (words "Federal Credit Union" appear in institution's name)	National Credit Union Administration 1775 Duke Street Alexandria, VA 22314 703-519-4600
State-chartered banks that are not members of the Federal Reserve System	Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Consumer Response Center, 2345 Grand Avenue, Suite 100 Kansas City, Missouri 64108-2638 1-877-275-3342
Air, surface, or rail common carriers regulated by former Civil Aeronautics Board or Interstate Commerce Commission	Department of Transportation , Office of Financial Management Washington, DC 20590 202-366-1306
Activities subject to the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921	Department of Agriculture Office of Deputy Administrator - GIPSA Washington, DC 20250 202-720-7051