

## **Statement of Ethical Principles and Code of Conduct**

The Office of Financial Aid at Daoist Traditions College, in accordance with federal regulations, is committed to the highest standards of professional conduct. Our financial aid professionals are expected to always maintain exemplary standards of professional conduct in all aspects of carrying out his or her responsibilities, specifically including all dealings with entities involved in student financial aid. In doing so, a Daoist Traditions financial aid professional should:

- Refrain from taking any action for his or her personal benefit.
- Refrain from taking any action he or she believes is contrary to law, regulation, or the best interests of the students and parents he/she serves.
- Ensure that the information he/she provides is accurate, unbiased, and does not reflect any preference arising from actual or potential personal gain.
- Be objective in making decisions and advising the College regarding relationships with any entity involved in any aspect of student financial aid.
- Disclose to the College any personal involvement or interest in any entity involved in any aspect of student financial aid.

## The Daoist Traditions Code of Conduct prohibits:

- Revenue sharing arrangements with any lender.
- Soliciting or accepting anything of other than nominal value from any entity involved in the making, holding, consolidating or processing of any student loans, including anything of value (including reimbursement of any expenses) for serving on an advisory body or as part of a training activity of or sponsored by any such entity.
- Receipt of any fees, payments or other financial benefits (including stock purchase option) by anyone with
  responsibilities with respect to loans from a lender as compensation for any type of consulting
  arrangement or contract to provide services to a lender or on behalf of a lender relating to education
  loans.
- The assignment of a first-time borrower's loan to a particular lender or refusing to certify or otherwise delay certification of any loan regardless of the lender or guaranty agency the borrower selects.
- The acceptance of any funds to be used for private education loans in exchange for the college providing concessions to the private lender.
- Requesting or accepting assistance with call center staffing or financial aid office staffing from any lender.

The Office of Financial Aid at Daoist Traditions College is dedicated to providing students with the financial resources and individual guidance necessary to help make their education a reality. Questions about this policy should be directed to president@daoisttraditions.edu.