Parent Permission Form for University of Delaware
Student Internet Account

The Student Internet Account for which your child is applying provides access to the Internet, a worldwide telecommunications network, and to a large amount of valuable information available from computers at colleges, universities, and government agencies. There is no charge to the student for using this system.

These accounts feature access to a wide variety of worldwide Internet resources. (Technically, this means unrestricted access to ftp, gopher, WWW, and possible other Internet services.) These services will provide access to a vast collection of materials, many of them of great educational value, but they will also allow access to some materials generally considered inappropriate for minors. The University does not and cannot limit what materials are accessed via such accounts. It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian to ensure that the student understands that he or she should limit his or her use of the account to educational purposes.

Please complete and return this form if you agree to allow your child to access the Internet via a University of Delaware account according to the terms below.

I have read and understand the University of Delaware Policy for Responsible Computing on the reverse side. I understand that student Internet account users will be held accountable for all activities including, but not limited to, the content of materials sent by mail, news, or any other means using their account privileges. I also understand that my child must abide by the University of Delaware and newsgroup etiquette guidelines and that use of this system will be for educational purposes only. I agree not to hold the University of Delaware or any of its employees responsible or any of the institutions or networks providing access to this system responsible for the performance of the system or the content of any material accessed through it.

Student’s Name: _______________________________________________________

Name of Parent or Guardian: _____________________________________________

Day Telephone: _______________________________________________________

Evening Telephone: ____________________________________________________

I request that my child be provided a Student Internet Account

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(parent/guardian signature)  (date)
Policy for Responsible Computing Use at the University of Delaware

All members of the University community who use the University’s computing and information resources must act responsibly. Every user is responsible for the integrity of these resources. All users of University-owned or University-leased computing systems must respect the rights of other computing users, respect the integrity of the physical facilities and controls and respect all pertinent license and contractual agreements. It is the policy of the University of Delaware that all members of its community act in accordance with these responsibilities, relevant laws and contractual obligations and the highest standard of ethics.

Access to the University’s computing facilities is a privilege granted to University students, faculty and staff. Access to University information resources may be granted by the owners of that information based on the owner’s judgment of the following factors: relevant laws and contractual obligations, the requester’s need to know, the information’s sensitivity and the risk of damage to or loss by the University.

The University reserves the right to limit, restrict or extend computing privileges and access to its information resources. Data owners—whether departments, units, faculty, students or staff—may allow individuals other than University faculty, staff and students access to information for which they are responsible, so long as such access does not violate any license or contractual agreement, University policy or any federal, state, county or local law or ordinance.

University computing resources are to be used for the University-related activities for which they are assigned. University computing resources are not to be used for commercial purposes or non-University-related activities without written authorization from the University. In these cases, the University will require payment of appropriate fees. This policy applies equally to all University-owned or University-leased computing resources.

Users and system administrators must all guard against abuses that disrupt or threaten the viability of all systems, including those at the University and those on networks to which the University’s systems are connected. Access to computing resources without proper authorization from the owner, unauthorized use of University computing resources and intentional corruption or misuse of computing resources are direct violations of the University’s standards for conduct as outlined in the University of Delaware Policy Manual, the Personnel Policies and Procedures for Professional and Salaried Staff, the Faculty Handbook, University collective bargaining agreements and the Official Student Handbook. They may also be considered civil or criminal offenses.

Appropriate University administrators should adopt guidelines for the implementation of this policy within each unit and regularly revise these guidelines as circumstances warrant. The Vice President for Information Technologies shall, from time to time, issue recommended guidelines to assist departments and units with this effort.

Alleged violations of this policy shall be processed according to the judicial processes outlined in the University of Delaware Policy Manual, the Personnel Policies and Procedures for Professional and Salaried Staff, the Faculty Handbook, University collective bargaining agreements and the Official Student Handbook. The University of Delaware treats access and use violations of computing facilities, equipment, software, information resources, networks or privileges seriously and may also prosecute abuse under Title 11, 1931-1939 of the Delaware Code, the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act of 1986 or other appropriate laws.