FEDERAL FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST: UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Requester: Chavon J. Wright | Student ID: W24672939 | Program: Graduate Nursing Direct Entry
Target Agency: United States Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights / FOIA Service Center
Subject Matter: Herzing University Compliance Records and Office for Civil Rights Case 05262347
Statutory Authority: Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552; 34 C.F.R. Part 5

1. Agency Precedent and Disclosure Scope

Department of Education disclosure registers establish direct precedent for releasing Herzing University records and civil rights investigation materials:

PRECEDENT CONTROL NUMBER	ORIGINAL REQUESTER	SUBJECT MATTER DISCLOSED BY AGENCY	EXEMPTIONS INVOKED	AGENCY DISPOSITION
15-00613-F	Civil Rights Complainant	All prior complaint submissions and records submitted to Department of Education Civil Rights Division	None	Granted in full
15-00593-F	Cooley LLP	Herzing University Change of Ownership Application and attachments submitted to Department	(b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)	Granted in part
15-01089-F	Robert Shireman	Compliance audits and audited financial statements submitted to FSA by Herzing University	(b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)	Granted in part

Legal Principle: While private educational institutions are not direct FOIA respondents, all records, audits, correspondence, and civil rights complaints submitted by or concerning Herzing University to the United States Department of Education constitute federal agency records under 5 U.S.C. § 552(f)(2) and are subject to mandatory disclosure.

2. Specific Records Demanded from the Department of Education

The following categories of agency records are requested under 5 U.S.C. § 552:

REQUEST CATEGORY	DEPARTMENT COMPONENT	SPECIFIC AGENCY RECORDS DEMANDED	STATUTORY OBJECTIVE
OCR Case Records	Office for Civil Rights (OCR)	Complete investigative record for Case 05262347, including Herzing position statements, responses, emails, and evidence	Obtains full institutional admissions and defenses submitted to federal investigators
Institutional Communications	OCR / Department Leadership	All communications between Department personnel and Herzing officials (Angie Zamecnik, Dr. Danielle Laban, Dr. Brielle Danielson, Dr. Stephanie Black)	Reveals representations made to federal authorities concerning student standing and accommodations
Title IV & FSA Audits	Federal Student Aid (FSA)	Compliance reviews, program reviews, and withdrawal calculation audits for Herzing University nursing programs (2024 to 2026)	Substantiates systemic grading irregularities and bad-faith debt calculations

3. Written Freedom of Information Act Request

Date: October 9, 2026

To: FOIA Public Liaison / FOIA Service Center, United States Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20202 | EDFOIAManager@ed.gov

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Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 regarding Herzing University and OCR Case 05262347

Dear FOIA Officer:

This constitutes a request under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, and 34 C.F.R. Part 5. As established in Agency Request 15-00613-F (Civil Rights Division complaints granted in full) and Request 15-01089-F (Herzing compliance audits), the Department routinely maintains and discloses these agency records. I hereby request electronic copies of the following:

■ All records, submissions, correspondence, and evidence in Office for Civil Rights Case 05262347, including all position statements, exhibits, and notes provided by Herzing University.

■ All written or electronic communications between the Department of Education (including OCR investigators) and Herzing University representatives, faculty, or counsel regarding Chavon J. Wright or Student ID W24672939.

■ All complaint records, reports, and resolution agreements involving Herzing University nursing programs concerning Section 504 accommodation failures, grading alterations, or retaliation submitted from January 1, 2024, to the present.

■ The two most recent program compliance reviews, audit reports, and Title IV refund/withdrawal audit determinations conducted by Federal Student Aid regarding Herzing University.

Fee Waiver and Expedited Processing: I request a fee waiver pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii) because disclosure is in the public interest and contributes significantly to public understanding of civil rights compliance in federally funded nursing education. If fees are assessed, please notify me before exceeding fifty dollars.

Statutory Deadline: Under 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(A)(i), the Department must make an initial determination within twenty business days. Please transmit all responsive records electronically to chavon.wright@gmail.com.

Respectfully submitted,

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