

EXIST WITH INITIATIVE

Privacy Policy

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Exist With Initiative (EWI) takes privacy very seriously. This Privacy Policy applies both to information collected online from users of the EWI website as well as all information shared with EWI via email, including but not limited to Opportunity Grant applications. In this policy, you can learn what kind of information is collected, when and how that information might be used, how the information is protected, and the choices you have with respect to your personal information.

What Personal Information is Collected and How is it Collected

Website Information

We collect information about this website's users in three ways: directly from the user, from our Web server logs, and through cookies. EWI uses the information primarily to provide you with a personalized experience that delivers the information, resources, and services that are most relevant and helpful to you. We don't share any of your information with third parties except as described in this Privacy Policy. The following describes the three ways in which we collect information about users:

User-Supplied Information

If you fill out any forms on this website, please do not submit any confidential, proprietary or sensitive personally identifiable information (e.g. Social Security Number; date of birth; driver's license number; or credit card, bank account or other financial information) (collectively, "Sensitive Information"). If you submit any Sensitive Information, you do so at your own risk and EWI and its principals will not be liable to you or responsible for consequences of your submission. Information that you provide to EWI through website forms will be used so that we may respond to your inquiry. EWI and its principals may also use information you provide to us to communicate with you in the future. If you do not wish to receive such communications, you may opt out (unsubscribe) as described below.

Guidance in this policy discouraging submission of Sensitive Information applies to the forms on our website. It does not apply to the Opportunity Grant application, where certain categories of sensitive information – such as date of birth or voluntary health-related disclosures – are intentionally requested and are handled as described in this section.

Web Server Logs

When you visit this website, we may track information about your visit and store that information in web server logs, which are records of the activities on this website. The servers automatically capture and save the information electronically. Examples of the information we may collect include:

- Your unique Internet protocol address;
- The name of your unique Internet service provider;
- The town/city, county/state and country from which you access this website;
- The kind of browser or computer you use;
- The number of links you click within the site;
- The date and time of your visit;
- The web page from which you arrived to this website;
- The pages you viewed on the site; and

- Certain searches/queries that you conducted via this website.

The information we collect in web server logs helps us administer the site, analyze its usage, protect this website and its content from inappropriate use and improve the user's experience.

Cookies

In order to offer and provide a customized and personal service, this website may use cookies and similar technologies to store and help track information about you. Cookies are simply small pieces of data that are sent to your browser from a Web server and stored on your computer's hard drive. We use cookies to help remind us of who you are and to help you navigate this website during your visits. Cookies also can tell us where visitors go on a website and allow us to save preferences for you so you won't have to re-enter them each time you visit. The use of cookies is relatively standard. Most Internet browsers are initially set up to accept cookies, but you can use your browser to either notify you when you receive a cookie or to disable cookies. If you wish to disable cookies from this site, you can do so using your browser, but you should understand that some features of many sites may not function properly if you don't accept cookies.

Opportunity Grant Applications

When you apply for an Opportunity Grant, we collect the information requested in the application, which may include your legal name, preferred name, pronouns, date of birth, contact information, city and state, grant category and requested amount, a description of how you intend to use grant funds, a personal narrative describing your experience and goals. We also collect any conflict-of-interest disclosures required under the Conflicts of Interest section of the Opportunity Grants SOP.

At your option, you may share information about mental health diagnoses or self-reported health conditions. This information is entirely voluntary, and applications are evaluated the same way regardless of whether this information is shared. PLEASE DO NOT SEND OR INCLUDE INFORMATION THAT IS CONFIDENTIAL OR WHICH YOU CONSIDER TOO SENSITIVE TO BE SHARED.

If you provide a reference, we collect that person's name, relationship to you, and contact information so our review committee can reach out to them.

If you receive a grant, we also collect the reflection (written, video, or photo) you submit describing your experience. If you are under 18, we also collect your parent or legal guardian's signature and, where relevant, contact information.

How We Use Your Information

The information we collect from you may be used in one of the following ways:

1. **To improve this website:** We continually strive to improve this website based on the information and feedback we receive from you.
2. **To improve our services:** Your information helps us to more efficiently provide our services, and more effectively respond to your needs, requests, opinions, and comments.
3. **To send periodic emails:** The email address you provide will only be used to send emails that are responsive to your questions and requests and may be used to send periodic emails regarding news, updates, or other information. If at any time you would like to unsubscribe from receiving future emails, we include unsubscribe instructions within each email message.
4. **To administer Opportunity Grants:** we evaluate and process your application, verify eligibility, contact your listed reference or, if you are a minor, your parent or legal guardian, and administer grant funds, including paying vendors directly on your behalf.

5. **To share your story:** we may share your reflection and related materials with the EWI community and in our marketing and fundraising efforts, consistent with the Consent and Release in your application, including the anonymization approach described there (identifying you by first and last initials unless you have given written consent to use your full name).

To Whom Do We Disclose Your Information

We will not sell, rent, or lease mailing lists or other user information to others, and we will not make your personal information available to any unaffiliated parties, except as follows:

- To agents, website vendors and/or contractors who may use it on EWI's behalf or in connection with their relationship with us (for example, accounting firms and software providers);
- To affiliated companies with common ownership (for example, corporate parents or subsidiaries);
- In connection with the transfer of EWI's business assets (for example, if we are acquired by another firm or if we are liquidated during bankruptcy proceedings);
- If we believe in good faith that sharing the information is necessary to protect the legal rights, safety, security of EWI or our agents or employees, or EWI property;
- When required by law (in other words, when we believe in good faith that the law requires disclosure in a matter of public safety or policy, or when disclosure is compelled by a court or other governmental entity);
- To other parties with your consent;
- To EWI's Board of Directors, program staff, and Opportunity Grant review committee members, for purposes of application review and conflict-of-interest screening;
- To the reference you provide, to the extent necessary to contact them about your application;
- In emergency situations, or where we are required by law to report suspected abuse or neglect, as described in "Safety and Emergency Situations" below; and
- To vendors or service providers when EWI disburses grant funds on your behalf.

Safety and Emergency Situations

We care about your safety. We want to support you and others in staying safe and healthy, and to do so in the least invasive way. EWI is not a crisis service. If you are in crisis or need immediate help, please call or text 988 (the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline) or call 911.

In rare cases, we might contact and share your information with emergency services or other first responders if we believe it will prevent death or serious injury. Just saying "I'm feeling suicidal" does not necessarily mean we will contact emergency services. In some cases, we may need to share your information with emergency services so they can try to locate you and help prevent death or serious injury. This could occur, for example, if your application or other communications indicate that you have the intent, desire, and ability to end your life, plan to act soon, and are unwilling or unable to de-escalate the situation safely.

We also may need to share your information if you tell us about abuse or neglect that we are required by law to report to local authorities. This can happen if, for example, you tell us that a child under age 18 (or a disabled, dependent, or elderly adult) has experienced abuse or neglect. We may ask you for the affected person's date of birth, name, and address to include in that report. You can choose not to provide the information we ask for.

We may also share personal information we collect from you with third parties if we believe it is necessary to address fraud, security, or technical issues. Other circumstances in which we may share information are described in "To Whom Do We Disclose Your Information" above.

How Long Do We Retain Your Information

We retain your information, including Opportunity Grant application materials (whether or not your application is funded), until you ask us to delete it or until we determine the information is no longer needed for the purposes described in this policy.

If you receive an Opportunity Grant, your reflection and any other materials you provide under the Consent and Release in your application may continue to be used consistent with that release even after a general deletion request.

How Do We Protect Your Information

We employ commercially reasonable methods to ensure the security of the information you provide to us and the information we collect automatically. This includes using standard security protocols and working only with reputable third-party vendors.

How to Correct, Amend or Delete Personal Information and/or Opt Out of Future Communications

You may opt out of any future contacts from us at any time. You can contact us at any time via the contact form on this website, or by using the phone number, email address, or mailing address displayed at the bottom of this website in order to:

- Ask what information we have about you, if any;
- Change/correct any information we have about you;
- Ask us to delete any information we have about you; and/or
- Opt out of future communications from us.

“Do Not Track” Settings

This website does collect certain information automatically, such as IP address and cookie data, as described above. At this time, the website does not change its data collection practices in response to a browser's 'Do Not Track' setting.

Other Websites

This website may contain links to other websites, or tools that facilitate the sharing of the content on this website on your social media networks. Your use of such links or tools is voluntary, and neither EWI or its principals is responsible for the privacy policies or practices of any third party.

Children Under The Age Of 13

This section addresses use of our general website; it does not apply to the Opportunity Grant program, which is open to applicants 16 years of age or older (see “Opportunity Grant Applications” above for information about applicants under 18). This website is not intended for children under 13 years of age. No one under age 13 may provide any information to us using this website. We do not knowingly collect personal information from children under 13. If you are under 13, do not use or provide any information on this website or on or through any of its features, use any of the interactive or public comment features of this website or provide any information about yourself to us, including your name, address, telephone number, email address, or any screen name or user name you may use. If we learn we have collected or received personal information from a child under 13 without verification of parental consent, we will delete that information. If you believe we might have any information from or about a child under 13, please contact us by using the phone number, email address, or mailing address displayed at the bottom of this website.

Users’ GDPR Rights

If you are within the European Union, you have the following rights under the General Data Protection Regulation:

- You have the right to request access to your data that we store and the rights to either rectify or erase your personal data.
- You have the right to seek restrictions on the processing of your data.
- You have the right to object to the processing of your data and the right to the portability of your data.
- To the extent that you provided consent to our processing of your personal data, you have the right to withdraw that consent at any time, without affecting the lawfulness of processing based upon consent that occurred prior to your withdrawal of consent.
- You have the right to lodge a complaint with a supervisory authority that has jurisdiction over issues related to the General Data Protection Regulation.

Changes and Updates to this Privacy Policy

We reserve the right to make changes to this Privacy Policy at any time in EWI's sole discretion. Any changes will be posted here. You should periodically check this page to ensure you are familiar with any changes.

Contact Information

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