

Privacy Policy for Starting Line College

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Introduction

Starting Line College ("we," "our," or "us") is committed to protecting your privacy. This Privacy Policy explains how we collect, use, disclose, and safeguard your information when you use our mobile application (the "App").

Please read this privacy policy carefully. If you do not agree with the terms of this privacy policy, please do not access the App.

Information We Collect

Personal Information You Provide

When you register for and use our App, we may collect the following personal information:

- **Email Address:** Used for account creation, authentication, and communication
- **Password:** Encrypted and used for account security and authentication
- **Profile Photos:** Optional images you upload for your profile
- **College Photos:** Images you choose to share through the App
- **Photo Metadata:** Information associated with your photos including:
 - College names
 - Location information (if you choose to provide it)
 - Comments and captions
 - Upload dates and times

Information Automatically Collected

When you use the App, we automatically collect certain information:

- **Device Information:** Device type, operating system version, unique device identifiers
- **Usage Data:** App features accessed, interaction with content, time spent in the App
- **Log Data:** Error reports, crash data, and technical diagnostics

Photos and Camera Access

The App requests access to your device's:

- **Photo Library:** To allow you to select and upload photos to share
- **Camera:** To enable taking photos directly within the App

You can control these permissions through your device settings at any time. Denying these permissions will limit your ability to upload and share photos.

How We Use Your Information

We use the information we collect to:

- Create and manage your user account
- Enable you to upload, organize, and share college photos
- Organize photos into college-specific albums
- Provide, maintain, and improve the App's functionality
- Respond to your comments, questions, and requests
- Send you technical notices and support messages
- Monitor and analyze usage patterns and trends
- Detect, prevent, and address technical issues
- Protect against unauthorized access or illegal activity

How We Store Your Information

Firestore Services

We use Google Firestore services to store and manage your data:

- **Firestore Authentication:** Securely manages user accounts and authentication
- **Firestore Storage:** Stores uploaded photos in a structured, user-specific format
- **Firestore Firestore:** Stores photo metadata and user information

Data Organization

Your photos are stored in a structured format:

- Each user has a unique storage folder
- Photos are organized by album name (typically college names)
- Only you can upload photos to your personal storage space

Data Security

We implement appropriate technical and organizational security measures to protect your information:

- Password encryption
- Secure data transmission using HTTPS/SSL
- Firestore security rules to control data access
- Regular security updates and monitoring

Data Sharing and Disclosure

We Do Not Sell Your Data

We do not sell, trade, or rent your personal information to third parties.

Third-Party Service Providers

We share information with trusted third-party service providers who assist us in operating the App:

- **Google Firebase:** Provides authentication, database, and storage services
- **Apple:** Processes in-app purchases and distributes the App through the App Store

These providers are contractually obligated to protect your information and use it only for the services they provide to us.

Legal Requirements

We may disclose your information if required to do so by law or in response to valid requests by public authorities (e.g., a court or government agency), or to:

- Comply with legal obligations
- Protect and defend our rights or property
- Prevent or investigate possible wrongdoing
- Protect the personal safety of users or the public

Data Retention

We retain your personal information for as long as your account is active or as needed to provide you services. You may request deletion of your account and associated data at any time.

When you delete your account:

- Your authentication credentials are removed
- Your uploaded photos are deleted from Firebase Storage
- Your photo metadata is removed from the database
- Some data may be retained in backup systems for a limited time for security and legal compliance purposes

Your Privacy Rights

Access and Control

You have the right to:

- Access your personal information
- Update or correct your information

- Delete your account and associated data
- Export your data
- Opt out of communications

How to Exercise Your Rights

To exercise these rights, you can:

- Use the in-app settings to manage your account
- Contact us at tina@astartingline.com

Location-Specific Rights

Depending on your location, you may have additional rights under applicable privacy laws (e.g., GDPR in Europe, CCPA in California).

Children's Privacy

Our App is not intended for children under the age of 13. We do not knowingly collect personal information from children under 13. If you are a parent or guardian and believe your child has provided us with personal information, please contact us, and we will delete such information.

International Data Transfers

Your information may be transferred to and maintained on servers located outside of your state, province, country, or other governmental jurisdiction where data protection laws may differ. By using the App, you consent to such transfers.

Changes to This Privacy Policy

We may update this Privacy Policy from time to time. We will notify you of any changes by:

- Posting the new Privacy Policy in the App
- Updating the "Last Updated" date
- Sending you a notification (for material changes)

Your continued use of the App after changes are posted constitutes your acceptance of the updated Privacy Policy.

Third-Party Links

The App may contain links to third-party websites or services. We are not responsible for the privacy practices of these third parties. We encourage you to read their privacy policies.

Contact Us

If you have questions, concerns, or requests regarding this Privacy Policy or our privacy practices, please contact us at:

Email: tina@astartingline.com

App Name: Starting Line College

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Consent

By using Starting Line College, you consent to this Privacy Policy and agree to its terms.

Summary of Key Points

- We collect email, photos, and basic usage information
- We use Firebase for secure data storage
- We do not sell your personal information
- You can delete your account and data at any time
- We use industry-standard security measures
- Photos are organized in user-specific, album-based storage
- You control camera and photo library permissions

Data Collection Disclosure for App Store

For App Store Connect, here's a summary of data collection:

Contact Information

- Email Address (Linked to user, used for account management)

User Content

- Photos or Videos (Linked to user, used for app functionality)
- Other User Content (comments, captions - Linked to user)

Identifiers

- User ID (Linked to user, used for app functionality)

Usage Data

- Product Interaction (Not linked to user, used for analytics)

Diagnostics

- Crash Data (Not linked to user, used for app improvement)