

## Online Student Complaint Procedure

Students enrolled in online programs who have complaints, grievances, or concerns regarding courses taken at Sullivan University should refer to the Grievance/Official Complaint Procedure outlined in the Sullivan University Academic Catalog (<https://sullivan.edu/academic-catalogs>) Students should first seek to resolve their complaints through informal discussion and administrative channels. This is the same process for all students enrolled at Sullivan University.

In the unlikely event that the issue is not resolved internally at Sullivan University, students enrolled in online programs may file complaints with other agencies. The process will depend upon where a student resides:

1. [Current Residents of Kentucky](#)
2. [Out-of-State Students residing in a “SARA” state\\* – see map](#)
3. [Out-of-State Students residing in a non-“SARA” state\\* – see map](#)

\*The State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) is a voluntary agreement that allows states and institutions to offer distance education in other participating states so long as the institution adheres to certain quality and consumer protection standards. More information on SARA can be found [here](#). Kentucky is a member of SARA and Sullivan University is an approved SARA institution.

### Complaint Process for Current Residents of Kentucky

The Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education (KCPE) is the agency in Kentucky that handles complaints about Sullivan University and has the ability to act on those complaints from students residing in Kentucky. Students should attempt to resolve the complaint through the established protocol at Sullivan University before contacting KCPE.

CPE Consumer Complaint

Council on Postsecondary Education

1024 Capital Center Drive, Suite 320

Frankfort, KY 40601

Telephone: (502) 573-1555

Fax: (502) 573-1535

Email: [cpeconsumercomplaint@ky.gov](mailto:cpeconsumercomplaint@ky.gov)

[http://cpe.ky.gov/campuses/consumer\\_complaint.html](http://cpe.ky.gov/campuses/consumer_complaint.html)

### Complaint Process for Out-of-State Students Residing in SARA States

As the designated portal agency under SARA, the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education (KCPE) is the agency that handles complaints about Sullivan University and has the ability to act on those complaints from students enrolled in online programs residing in [SARA-member states](#). Though the final resolution of complaints will be through the

KCPE, the student's home state portal agency may also work with the KCPE to resolve the complaint. To view a list of SARA portal agencies, please view the [NC-SARA States page](#). Students who live in a state that has joined SARA ([see map for participating states](#)) should follow the procedures listed here to initiate complaints pursuant to SARA policy.

1. Follow the University's Grievance/Official Complaint Procedure listed on pages 123-124 of the [2021 Sullivan University Catalog](#).
2. If the complaint cannot be resolved at the University, file a complaint with the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education, the state SARA portal agency:

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### **Complaint Process for Out-of-State Students Residing in Non-SARA States**

Students who live in a non-SARA state (currently just CA, in addition to the U.S. Territories) may file a complaint with an agency in the student's state of residence. Below is a list of agencies where complaints for non-SARA states or territories may be filed. Please note: Sullivan University does not maintain these agency websites, and information may change without the university's knowledge. Students should attempt to resolve the complaint through the established protocol at Sullivan University before contacting their home state agency.

- **California**

California Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education  
P.O. Box 980818  
W. Sacramento, CA 95798-0818  
Telephone: (916) 431-6959  
Fax: (916) 263-1895  
Email: [bppe@dca.ca.gov](mailto:bppe@dca.ca.gov)  
Complaint form: [http://www.bppe.ca.gov/forms\\_pubs/complaint.pdf](http://www.bppe.ca.gov/forms_pubs/complaint.pdf) [PDF]

## U.S. Territories

- **American Samoa**  
American Samoa Department of Education <http://www.doe.as/>
  - **Guam**  
Guam Department of  
Education <https://sites.google.com/a/gdoe.net/gdoe/Home/contact-us>
  - **Northern Mariana Islands**  
Office of the Attorney General  
Administration Building  
P.O. Box 10007  
Saipan, MP 96950-8907  
670.664.2341
  - **Puerto Rico**  
Puerto Rico Council on Higher Education  
PO Box 1900  
San Juan, PR 00910-1900  
Telephone: (787) 641-7100  
Fax: (787) 641-2573  
General website: <http://www.ce.pr.gov/>  
Complaints procedure: [Link \[PDF\]](#)
- Puerto Rico Department of Justice  
PO 9020192  
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00902-0192
- **U.S. Virgin Islands**  
U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Education <http://www.vide.vi/>

Examples of types of student complaints that may be brought to a SARA portal entity include, but are not limited to, complaints regarding tuition and fee information, accreditation, whether a program meets licensure requirements, or course transfer information. Grade appeals and student conduct appeals are not reviewed by the SARA portal entity. Complaints regarding student grades or student conduct violations are governed entirely by institutional policy and the laws of the SARA institution's home state.