

Professional Judgment for Parent Refusal

Instructions for completing form.

When you completed and submitted your 2024-2025 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) your answers to the dependency status questions identified you as a dependent student. This means you were required to provide parental information. You indicated you were in an unusual circumstance and were unable to provide parental information.

Under Federal law, to the extent your family is able, they are primarily responsible for paying for your college expenses. To determine how much your family can afford to pay toward your college expenses, we must collect your financial information and your parents' financial information.

However, Federal law allows for some exceptions if you have an unusual circumstance. The following are examples of some unusual circumstances where you may submit your FAFSA without providing parental information (a Petition for Independence may be warranted in these cases—Inquire at your Financial Aid Office):

- You parents are incarcerated
- You have left home due to an abusive family environment
- You have circumstances which have resulted in family estrangement
- You do not know where your parents are and are unable to contact them (and you have not been adopted)

But not all situations are considered unusual circumstances. The following are situations that would not be considered an unusual circumstance:

- Your parents do not want to provide their information on your FAFSA
- Your parents refuse to contribute to your college expenses
- Your parents do not claim you as a dependent on their income taxes
- You do not live with your parents

If you do not have a special circumstance and are unable to provide parental information you normally do not qualify for federal student aid.

However, in situations where your parents refuse to provide their information on the FAFSA and refuse to provide you with any financial support, there is an exception that allows a student to submit the FAFSA without parental information and apply for an Unsubsidized Stafford Loan only at the discretion of a financial aid administrator. (Please note that the Unsubsidized Loan is the **ONLY** federal aid available to the student under this exception).

Parent Refusal Form

If you have a situation, where your parent refuses to provide their information on the FAFSA and refuses to provide you with financial support please complete and submit the attached form for a decision to apply for an unsubsidized loan only at the discretion of a financial aid administrator. *If your parents refuse to sign and date a statement to this effect, you must get documentation from a third party, such as a teacher, counselor, cleric, or court.*

Financial Aid regulations state the family has primary responsibility for meeting the educational costs of students. Dependent students are required by law to provide parental information and signature(s) to be considered for financial aid. When parents refuse to provide their information on the FAFSA there is an exception that allows the student to apply for an **Unsubsidized Loan ONLY**, at the discretion of a financial aid administrator.

Student Name: _____

ID Number: _____ **Last 4 Digits SSN (Social Security Number):** _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ **Email:** _____

Instructions: Complete the FAFSA and select "I am submitting my FAFSA to apply for an unsubsidized loan only." Complete this form with your parents' signature and submit the form to the Financial Aid Office.

Award year or time frame you are applying for: _____ (i.e., 2024-2025)

PARENT STATEMENT

We (I) the parent(s) of the above-named student confirm by signing this document the following:

- We (I) the parent(s) of this student confirm that we refuse to provide the income information and all requested sections on the FAFSA that apply to “parent.”

AND

- We (I) the parent(s) of this student confirm that we do not and will not provide any financial support to our (my) son/daughter.

Father’s Signature _____ Date _____

Mother’s Signature _____ Date _____

If your parents refuse to sign and date this statement, you must get documentation from a third party such as a teacher, counselor, cleric, or court.

I have attached statement(s) from the following person(s) including name, address, job title, and relationship to you:

A. _____

B. _____

Certification: I certify that the information provided is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____