



FAFSA Special Circumstance Application
(Unsubsidized Stafford Loan Eligibility Only)
2011-2012

Student Name: _____ ID: _____

It appears you have a special circumstance and are unable to provide parental information on your FAFSA. Please be advised of the following:

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 towards your college expenses, we must collect your financial information and your parents' financial information.

Federal law does allow for some exceptions, if you have a special circumstance. The following are examples of some special circumstances where you may submit your FAFSA without providing parental information:

- Your parents are incarcerated; or
You left home due to an abusive family environment (mental, physical, emotional, and/or substance); or
Your parents are deceased; or
You do not know the location of your parents and have been unable to contact them for a substantial period of time (and you have not been adopted).
You are considered to be an unaccompanied homeless youth or an unaccompanied, self-supporting, at risk of being homeless youth.

If one of the above circumstances fit your situation, don't complete this form. Please see the Student Financial Services Office for assistance. If none fits your situation, please continue...

Not all situations are considered a special circumstance. The following are situations that would not be considered a special circumstance:

- Your parents do not want to provide their information on your FAFSA; or
Your parents refuse to contribute to your college expenses; or
Your parents do not claim you as a dependent on their income taxes; or
You and your parents aren't getting along and refuse to speak with one another; or
You are self-sufficient and do not live with your parents.

Under Federal law, only your Financial Aid Office has the authority to decide whether or not you must provide parental information on your FAFSA application. Please note: You will only be eligible for Direct Unsubsidized Stafford loans if parental information isn't provided on your FAFSA and the FAFSA Special Circumstance Application is approved by the Student Financial Services office.

Unsubsidized loans are not need based. The borrower is responsible for accrued interest throughout the life of the loan. The annual maximum loan limit for a first and second year dependent undergraduate student is \$6000.

After careful review, the Student Financial Services Office will decide if you must provide parental information or if your circumstances allow you to proceed without providing parental data. The Student Financial Services office's decision is final and cannot be appealed.

Please complete the following:

I / We, the parent(s), choose not to complete the parent information on the FAFSA application and understand by doing so makes my child eligible only for Direct Unsubsidized loans. I/We further state:
As of _____ Date, all financial support has ended for _____ Child/Student Name
and they no longer reside in my/our household.
Father Signature _____ Mother Signature _____ Date _____
I, the student, understand because my parent(s) choose(s) not to complete the parent information on the FAFSA application, I will only be eligible for Direct Unsubsidized loans.
Student Signature _____ Date _____