

2023-2024 Petition for Dependent Students without Parental Help

Student name: _____ ID: _____ Phone: _____

Most unmarried undergraduates under the age of 24 are considered **dependent** for federal financial aid purposes and therefore must provide parental information on the FAFSA. If your parents have ended all financial support **and** refuse to provide their information on your FAFSA, then you may submit this petition to receive **only unsubsidized loans**. To submit this petition, you may not receive **any** financial support whatsoever from a parent, including living at home with a parent, using a vehicle owned by a parent, having a parent co-sign any loan, or receiving health or car insurance through a parent.

Pros and Cons to Submitting a FAFSA without Parent Income Information

Pros: A federal unsubsidized loan is better than alternative/private education loans and credit cards. Some federal aid is better than no federal aid. Federal student loans do not involve checking a student's credit rating.

Cons: Only an unsubsidized loan can be awarded (the least desirable federal student loan). You will be ineligible for Pell Grant, SEOG Grant, need-based scholarships, work-study, federal subsidized loans, and Parent PLUS Loans. The amount of unsubsidized loan is limited to the annual grade level limit for dependent students (freshman \$5,500; sophomore \$6,500; junior/senior \$7,500), as well as the lifetime limit. For information about unsubsidized loans, see <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/loans/subsidized-unsubsidized>

How to Submit a Petition for Dependent Students without Parental Help

1. Ask your parent(s) to complete page 2 of this document. Your parent(s) will need to initial each statement on page 2, sign the Petition, and provide the date when financial support ended. (If your parents refuse to complete this form, please attach a letter from a third party, such as a teacher, counselor, or cleric.)

2. Submit this form and the following attachments to the Fresno State Financial Aid Office:

Attach a **detailed letter** that explains how you are planning on supporting yourself without parental involvement or support from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024.

Attach a **budget** with detailed sources of income and expenditures from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

3. Please indicate how much unsubsidized loan you would like to be accepted on your behalf (NOTE: The award will be split between the fall and spring semesters):

The maximum amount eligible Specific Amount: \$ _____

I certify that all information provided in my Petition for Dependent Students without Parental Help is correct and true. I understand that the decision made on the basis of this petition only affects my application for aid at Fresno State for the 2023-2024 academic year. I have attached my letter, budget, and third-party letter, if needed.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

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The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) requires parental information for most unmarried undergraduates under the age of 24. To complete this Petition, ask your parent(s) who have ended all financial support and refuse to provide information on your FAFSA to complete this page. The parent(s) information that would have been used on your FAFSA is your biological parent or your legally adoptive parent. Include your stepparent if your biological or adoptive parent has remarried. (Note: Grandparents, foster parents, and legal guardians are not considered parents for the purposes of FAFSA.)

Determine whether only one or both of your parents need to sign this form.

Both parents' signatures are required in the following circumstances:

- If your legal parents are married to each other or living together, then both parents need to sign this form.
- If your biological or adoptive parent has remarried, your stepparent also needs to sign this form.

Only one parent's signature is required in the following circumstances:

- If your parent has never been married and does not live with your other legal parent.
- If your parent is widowed and has not remarried.
- If your parent is divorced or legally separated and not remarried, determine which parent will sign this form by the ranked criteria below:
 1. Parent you have lived with more over the past 12 months. If this does not apply then,
 2. Parent who provided more financial support over the past 12 months. If this does not apply then,
 3. Parent who provided more financial support during the most recent year you received financial support.

Parents, please initial each statement below indicating that you understand the impact of this Petition:

_____ It is always in the student's best interest to submit a FAFSA **with** parents' income information.

_____ Providing income and household information on the FAFSA does **not** require parents to provide financial support.

_____ If this Petition is approved, my son or daughter will be eligible only for federal **unsubsidized** loans limited to the annual grade level limit for dependent students (freshman \$5,500; sophomore \$6,500; junior/senior \$7,500)

_____ Minimum interest at the rate of 4.99% will begin accruing on the loan once it is disbursed.

_____ If this Petition is approved, my son or daughter will **not** be eligible for desirable aid including, but not limited to:

- Pell Grants
- Work-study funding
- Financial need-based scholarships
- Federal subsidized student loans
- Federal Parent PLUS loans

_____ I do **not** provide any financial support to my son or daughter including cash and non-cash support such as room and board, use of a vehicle, health, or car insurance coverage, or co-signing any type of loan for student.

_____ I do **not** own a prepaid 529 plan where my son or daughter is a beneficiary.

Date when financial support stopped: _____

I certify that I refuse to provide income and household information on the federal financial aid application (FAFSA), my financial support of my son or daughter has ended, and I will not provide any financial support in the future. I understand that this Petition impacts aid only at Fresno State for the 2023-2024 academic year.

Printed Name of Parent 1 (father/mother/stepparent)

Printed Name of Parent 2 (father/mother/stepparent)

Signature of Parent 1

Signature of Parent 2

Phone: _____ Date: _____

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