

Petition for Dependent Students Without Parental Help

Student Information

Full Name:

ID Number:

Phone Number:

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 (the least desirable federal student loan) can be awarded. You will be ineligible for the Pell Grant, SEOG Grant, need-based scholarships, work-study, federal subsidized loans, and Parent PLUS Loans. The amount of an unsubsidized loan is limited to the annual grade level limit for dependent students (freshman \$5,500; sophomore \$6,500; junior/senior \$7,500) and the lifetime limit. For more information about unsubsidized loans, visit the Federal Student Aid FAFSA webpage titled: [Direct Subsidized and Direct Unsubsidized Loans](#).

How to Submit a Petition for Dependent Students without Parental Help

1. Ask your parents to complete page 2 of this document. They must 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 to support yourself without parental involvement or support from:

Attach a **budget** with detailed sources of income and expenditures from:

3. Please indicate the amount of 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 I provided in my Petition for Dependent Students without Parental Help is correct and true.

I understand that my decision based on this petition only affects my application for aid at Fresno State for the current academic year.

I have attached my letter, budget, and third-party letter if needed.

Student Signature:

Date:

Parent Section

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 parents, 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 adopted 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:

Initials

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

I do not provide any financial support to my child, 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 student loan.

I do **not** own a prepaid 529 plan where my child 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 for my child has ended, and I will not provide any financial support in the future.

I understand this Petition impacts aid only at Fresno State for the current academic year.

Name of Parent 1:

Phone Number:

Signature of Parent 1:

Date:

Name of Parent 2:

Phone Number:

Signature of Parent 2:

Date: