



2026-2027 PARENT REFUSAL FORM

INSTRUCTIONS

The law governing the Federal Student Aid programs is based on the premise that your family is first source of your support as a student and the law provides several criteria that decide if you are considered independent of your parents for aid eligibility. If you are considered a dependent of your parents, information on the income and assets of your parents must be included on the FAFSA.

Please review the following circumstances to determine which one applies to your family situation.

- 1) Is there a case of abuse, abandonment and/or neglect in your relationship with your biological mother and father? If so, you may be eligible to pursue a dependency override. If the dependency override is approved, your dependent status will be override. Once your FAFSA is processed and finalized, you would be considered for all Federal, State and/or Institutional financial aid [i.e. grants (including Federal Pell Grant), work-study and student loans].

Action Needed: Please contact our office for further information on the dependency override progress.

- 2) Do your parents refuse to complete the FAFSA? Do your parents not provide you with any means of financial support (including paying educational costs, room and/or board, medical or auto insurance, claiming you on taxes, paying other expenses on your behalf and/or other cash and non-cash support)? If so, the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 (HEOA) granted students whose parents refuse to provide support eligibility to receive Federal Direct Unsubsidized loans only up to their dependent loan limit. You would NOT be eligible for any other Federal, State and/or Institutional financial aid [i.e. grants (including the Federal Pell Grant), work-study or need based student loans].

Action Needed: Please have your parent complete the form provided below and return it to our office.

- 3) If your family situation does not meet either of the circumstances listed above, you will be required to provide parental information on your FAFSA.

Action Needed: You will need to access your FAFSA at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa> and make any necessary corrections to submit the required parental information.

ANNUAL LOAN LIMITS PER ACADEMIC LEVEL

Academic Level of the Dependent Student

Freshman (0-29 earned college credits)
Sophomore (30 + earned college credits)
Junior (60-90 earned college credits)
Seniors (91 + earned college credits)

Unsubsidized Loan Limit

Up to \$5,500
Up to \$6,500
Up to \$7,500
Up to \$7,500

Earned college credits are counted for courses that are successfully completed and are not for developmental courses.


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Student's Name _____ **ID Number (7 digits)** _____

PARENT VERIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION OF LOSS OF SUPPORT

Please initial each statement below and provide requested information:

I verify that financial support is NOT being provided by either of the student's parents. Financial support includes not only payment of educational expenses, but also providing other cash and non-cash support to the student such as room and/or board, insurance (medical and/or auto), claiming the student on taxes and/or paying other expenses on the student's behalf.

I verify that financial support from the student's parents ended on _____.
 (MM/CCYY)

I verify that financial support from the parents to the student will not occur during this academic year.

I verify that the student's parents refuse to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

I understand the student will ONLY be eligible to receive a Federal Direct Unsubsidized loan. The student will NOT be eligible for any other Federal, State and/or Institutional financial aid [i.e. grants (including the Federal Pell Grant), work-study or need based student loans] without parental information on the FAFSA.

By signing below, I certify that the above statements are true and I understand the financial aid limitations involved in not providing parental information on the FAFSA.

Parent Signature
Printed Name of Parent
Date

STUDENT CERTIFICATION

I certify that the above statements are true and I understand that I will ONLY be eligible to receive a Federal Direct Unsubsidized loan. I will NOT be eligible for any other Federal, State and/or Institutional financial aid [i.e. grants (including the Federal Pell Grant), work-study or need based student loans] without parental information on the FAFSA. I understand that I must sign and return this form for my financial aid to be processed.

Student Signature
Date
