



Financial Aid

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Petition to Apply for Financial Aid Without Parental Information

Financial aid regulations assume that the family has primary responsibility for meeting the educational costs of students. Dependent students are required to provide parental information and signatures to be considered for need-based financial aid.

Student Name (Last, First)	Student Identification Number
Student Email	Student Phone Number

You may submit this form if unusual circumstances prevent you from obtaining parental information. Unusual circumstances include neglect, abuse, abandonment or other extreme mistreatment that resulted in a severed relationship followed by lack of contact due to irreconcilable damage to the relationship. Such situations may have had intervention by law enforcement or the court; the Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) now allows certain students who have had such determinations to be considered for aid without parent information – including students who had been wards of the court, foster youth, unaccompanied or emancipated minors, etc. This form provides the opportunity to document situations where there has been no legal determination of a severed family relationship but where the relationship has been permanently and irreconcilably broken based on documented parental conduct or incapacity.

Please attach a statement answering the following questions about both of your parents:

1. Identify the name, location and address of both your biological and/or adoptive parents.
2. Explain the current nature of your relationship with your parents, what led to the current situation and why you cannot obtain parental information for your FAFSA.
3. Describe the duration and nature of contacts with your parents over the last two years and describe the last contact you had with each of your parents (when, where and the nature of the contact).
4. Identify name and ages of all siblings, where they reside and describe your relationship with each of them.
5. Provide statements from two adults who have interceded with you and/or your parent(s) regarding your family relationship in a professional capacity and can corroborate the facts you present (or one person’s statement and court or police records). Examples of such persons would include clergy, social workers or other social service personnel, court officials (or copies of court documents), teachers or high school counselors, and/or police officers. At least one statement must be from someone who is not a relative or friend.
6. I have attached statements from the following persons (give name, address, job title, and relationship to you):
 - a. _____
 - b. _____

My signature below certifies that the information provided in this petition is true and correct.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Office use only: <input type="checkbox"/> Approved as Independent per Professional Judgment based on _____. <input type="checkbox"/> Denied. Reason: _____ Initials _____ Date _____ [] Portal [] Email [] letter [] Phone
