

Student Name: _____ **Westmoreland Student ID#** _____

The Financial Aid Office has received the results of your 2023-2024 FAFSA; however, you did not provide any parental information. As a dependent student, parental information is required in order to process financial aid, except for extenuating circumstances.

PLEASE INITIAL ONE CHOICE THAT BEST REFLECTS YOUR SITUATION:

- A. _____ I have updated my 2023-2024 FAFSA with my parents’ information.
(Sign the bottom of this form: no further action is required.)
- B. _____ My parents have refused to provide their financial information.
(See page 2.)
- C. _____ I believe there are extenuating circumstances that support a dependency override for my situation.
I will provide supporting documentation as stated below:

In order to better understand your situation, we must have a written statement from you and supporting documentation to validate your circumstances. Approved types of documentation will be based on your situation, but may include letters or reports on official letterhead stationery with official signatures.

Letters may be obtained from:

- Members of the Clergy
- An Educational Official (teachers or counselors)
- Police Reports
- Reports from BCFS (Bureau of Child and Family Services)
- Other items may include: birth certificates, death certificates or divorce decrees

Situations that **do not** qualify for a dependency override:

- Parents do not support the student financially
- Student does not live with parents or pays his/her own bills
- Parents are not helping to pay for college

The Financial Aid Office will decide whether or not to allow you to complete the FAFSA process without your parents’ information. It is extremely important that you provide all necessary documentation and fully describe your situation and how it prevents you from obtaining your parents’ information.

Student Signature (**Must** be signed in blue or black ink) _____
Date

Submit this completed document along with all supporting documentation to the Financial Aid Office by electronic submission from your Westmoreland student email account to financialaid@westmoreland.edu (SUBJECT LINE: MISSING PARENTAL INFORMATION), by FAX (724-925-5802), in person (Student Enrollment Center located in the Student Achievement Center), or by mail (Westmoreland County Community College, Financial Aid Office, 145 Pavilion Lane, Youngwood, PA 15697).

Please allow 3 business days to confirm receipt of documents in your student portal and 2 weeks for processing **AFTER** we receive **ALL** requested documents.

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The following information only pertains to students who selected choice “B” on Page 1. The student must read, initial each line, and sign below for the option to be processed.

The **STUDENT** must initial the following statements and sign below:

- _____ I understand that I will only be eligible for an unsubsidized loan and **no other federal aid programs**, such as federal Pell Grant and SEOG. The loan amount offered will be based on earned credit hours and grade classification.

Freshman (below 30 earned credit hours)	\$5,500
Sophomore (30 – 59 earned credit hours)	\$6,500

- _____ I understand that the table above reflects the only eligibility for federal aid I have for the academic year which includes fall 2023, spring 2024, and summer 2024.
- _____ I understand this decision is permanent for the 2023-2024 aid year and that I will not be able to receive the best financial aid package for which I may be eligible.

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