

Dear Student:

If your parents refuse to provide their information on the FAFSA, they must complete the attached form for further processing of your financial aid.

Please read the information below prior to completing and submitting this declaration of nonsupport.

As per U.S. Department of Education regulations, students whose parents refuse to support them are not eligible for a dependency override, but they may be able to receive unsubsidized Direct Loans only. For a student to be eligible for this provision, he must get documentation (1) that his parents refuse to complete his FAFSA and (2) that they do not and will not provide any financial support to him. Include the date support ended. If the parents refuse to sign and date a statement to this effect, you must provide documentation from a third party (the student himself is not sufficient), such as a teacher, counselor, cleric, or court.

A financial aid administrator may do dependency overrides on a **case-by-case** basis for students with unusual circumstances. **However, none of the conditions listed below, singly or in combination, qualify as unusual circumstances meriting a dependency override:**

1. Parents refuse to contribute to the student's education.
2. Parents are unwilling to provide information on the FAFSA or for verification.
3. Parents do not claim the student as a dependent for income tax purposes.
4. Student demonstrates total self-sufficiency.

Sincerely,

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Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Parent:

Your son/daughter has informed us that you have decided not to complete the Parental Information section of the 2016-2017 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Parent and student financial information is only used to determine their eligibility for student aid. Your decision will prevent your son/daughter's eligibility for grants, loans, scholarships, and federal work-study program. I urge you to reconsider and complete the parent information and sign the FAFSA.

Student aid, which includes student loans, are borrowed and repaid by your son/daughter. Providing your information on the FAFSA does not obligate you to take a loan out on your son/daughter's behalf or pay their bill. A co-signer/co-borrower is not required. In addition, the confidentiality of financial aid records is protected by the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). We will not disclose information submitted by a parent to the student (or the parent's ex-spouse).

In order for the Financial Aid Office to make the determination to award a dependent student an Unsubsidized Stafford Loan without parental information on the FAFSA, we must verify that the parent(s) has ended financial support of the student and refuses to complete the Parent Information section of the FAFSA.

What is financial support? Financial support includes payment by the parent of educational costs, but also providing other cash and non-cash support to the student such as room and/or board, medical and dental insurance, paying bills on the students behalf (i.e. credit card payments, cell phone, car payments), providing cash, food, shelter, clothing and transportation.

I/We, \_\_\_\_\_  
Father/Step-Father (Print)                      Mother/Step-Mother (Print)

The parent(s) of the student listed above declare that I/We have ceased providing financial support as of \_\_\_\_\_ (date when the financial support stopped).

In addition, I/We declare the following:

- Will not provide financial support in the future
- Will not provide medical and dental insurance coverage in the future
- Will not/do not receive Welfare or Social Security benefits on behalf of the student
- Will not apply for a PLUS loan on the student's behalf
- Refuse to complete the parental section of a FAFSA

\_\_\_\_\_  
Father/Step-Father (Signature)                      Mother/Step-Mother (Signature)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_