



Student Financial Aid & Scholarships

2026-2027 Petition for Direct Unsubsidized Loan (For students whose parents refuse to complete the FAFSA)

Student Name: _____ Student ID: A _____

Federal law states that a dependent student (based on the federal financial aid definition) must provide parental information on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The student may submit a petition for a Direct Unsubsidized Loan in cases where parents (both mother and father) have either:

1. Permanently ended **all** financial support of the student **or**;
2. Refuse to complete the parent section of the FAFSA.

Parent(s) who are required to sign this Petition:

- The parent(s) information that would have been used on the student's FAFSA. This parent will be referred to as "the FAFSA Parent" throughout this document and form.
 - Your biological parent
 - Your legally adoptive parent
 - Include your step-parent if your biological or adoptive parent has remarried
 - Note that grandparents, foster parents, and legal guardians are not considered parents for the purposes of FAFSA.
- If your parents are married to each other, or are living together but not married to each other, both signatures are required.
- If your parent has never been married and you do not know or have contact with the other parent, only one signature is needed.
- If your parents are divorced or legally separated (and not living together), you will determine the appropriate parent by the ranked criteria below:
 - Parent you have lived with more over the past 12 months. If this does not apply, then,
 - Parent who provided more financial support over the past 12 months. If this does not apply, then,
 - Parent who provided more financial support during the most recent year you received financial support.
- If your parent(s) refuse to complete this form, you must provide a letter from a third-party to verify why the parent(s) refuse to provide the student with financial support and complete the student's FAFSA.

Section 1: Student Certification *(Initial all applicable items)*

I understand:

- _____ It is always in the student's best interest to submit a FAFSA with parents' income information.
- _____ Providing income and household information to FAFSA **does not** require parents to provide financial support.
- _____ The student will only be eligible for a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan if this petition is approved. The interest rate 5.50% will begin accruing on the loan when it is disbursed and will continue to accrue even when the student is not enrolled in school. *(beginning July 1, 2023)*
- _____ The amount of Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan is **limited** to the annual grade level limit for dependent students. (Freshman = \$5,500; Sophomore = \$6,500; Junior / Senior = \$7,500)
- _____ If approved, the student will **not be eligible** for desirable aid, including, but not limited to:
 - Federal Pell Grants
 - Federal Direct Subsidized Loans
 - Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant
 - Federal Work Study
 - Federal TEACH Grant Program
 - Federal Parent PLUS Loans
 - Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship Program
 - Tennessee State Assistance Award

I certify that:

- _____ My parent(s) refuse to provide income and family information on the Federal Financial Aid application (FAFSA).
- _____ My parent(s) have stopped **all** financial support, as of _____, including, but not limited to:
 - Cash support
 - Use of a vehicle
 - Health Insurance
 - Cell Phone plan
 - Auto Insurance
 - Claimed as a dependent on tax return for 2023 and future years
 - Non-cash support, such as room & board, co-signor of any type of loan or housing lease
 - Educational assistance, such as tuition discounts, G.I. Bill, qualified tuition plans
- _____ All information provided in my Petition for Direct Unsubsidized Loan is correct and true.
- _____ I understand that this petition impacts aid only at APSU for the 2026-2027 academic year.
- _____ I have completed my FAFSA without parent information for the 2026-2027 academic year.

Student Signature

Date

Section 2: Parent 1 Certification *(Initial all applicable items)*

I understand:

- _____ It is always in the student's best interest to submit a FAFSA with parents' income information.
- _____ Providing income and household information to FAFSA **does not** require parents to provide financial support.
- _____ The student will only be eligible for a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan if this petition is approved. The interest rate 5.50% will begin accruing on the loan when it is disbursed and will continue to accrue even when the student is not enrolled in school. *(beginning July 1, 2023)*
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 - Federal Work Study
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 - Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarship Program
 - Tennessee State Assistance Award

I certify that:

- _____ I refuse to provide income and family information on the Federal Financial Aid application (FAFSA).
- _____ I have stopped **all** financial support of my student as of _____, including, but not limited to:
 - Cash support
 - Use of a vehicle
 - Health Insurance
 - Cell phone plan
 - Auto Insurance
 - Claimed as a dependent on tax return for 2024 and future years
 - Non-cash support, such as room & board, co-signor of any type of loan or housing lease
 - Educational assistance, such as tuition discounts, G.I. Bill, qualified tuition plans
- _____ I will not provide any financial support in the future.
- _____ The information provided is correct and true. If I am found to have knowingly or intentionally given false statements, I may be fined, sent to prison, or both.
- _____ I understand that this Petition impacts aid only at APSU for the 2026-2027 academic year.

Printed Name of Parent 1 (father/mother/stepparent)

Signature

Date

Section 3: Parent 2 Certification *(Initial all applicable items)*

I understand:

- _____ It is always in the student's best interest to submit a FAFSA with parents' income information.
- _____ Providing income and household information to FAFSA **does not** require parents to provide financial support.
- _____ The student will only be eligible for a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan if this petition is approved. The interest rate 5.50% will begin accruing on the loan when it is disbursed and will continue to accrue even when the student is not enrolled in school. *(beginning July 1, 2023)*
- _____ The amount of Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan is **limited** to the annual grade level limit for dependent students. (Freshman = \$5,500; Sophomore = \$6,500; Junior / Senior = \$7,500)
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I certify that:

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- _____ I have stopped **all** financial support of my student as of _____, including, but not limited to:
 - Cash support
 - Use of a vehicle
 - Health Insurance
 - Cell phone plan
 - Auto Insurance
 - Claimed as a dependent on tax return for 2024 and future years
 - Non-cash support, such as room & board, co-signor of any type of loan or housing lease
 - Educational assistance, such as tuition discounts, G.I. Bill, qualified tuition plans
- _____ I will not provide any financial support in the future.
- _____ The information provided is correct and true. If I am found to have knowingly or intentionally given false statements, I may be fined, sent to prison, or both.
- _____ I understand that this Petition impacts aid only at APSU for the 2026-2027 academic year.

Printed Name of Parent 2 (father/mother/stepparent)

Signature

Date