

How to Submit a Petition for Dependent Students without Parental Help

Most unmarried undergraduates under the age of 24 are considered **dependent** for federal financial aid purposes and therefore must provide parental information. In cases where parents have ended financial support of the student AND they refuse to provide their information on the student's FAFSA, the student may submit this petition to receive **ONLY** unsubsidized loans. See <http://financialaid.boisestate.edu/tipsdetails/UnsubsidizedLoans.shtml>.

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 "a FAFSA Parent" throughout this document and form
 - ✓ Your biological mother and/or father
 - ✓ Your legally adoptive mother and/or father
 - ✓ 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 legally married and living together, 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 parents are divorced or legally separated, 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.

Instructions

1. **Student:** Print and sign page 2 of this document and submit to the Boise State Financial Aid Office along with the following attachments.
2. **Student:** Attach a detailed letter that explains how you are planning on supporting yourself without parental involvement/support from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.
3. **Student:** Attach a budget with detailed sources of income and expenditures from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.
4. **Student:** Attach your completed and signed paper FAFSA, if you have not already submitted it to the federal processor. If you have already completed a FAFSA, check here . Your FAFSA will be rejected by the federal processor and your financial aid counselor will need to intervene with the process.
5. **FAFSA Parent(s):** Initial each statement on page 2 of this document and sign the Petition and provide the date when financial support ended. (See description above regarding which parents are required to sign this Petition.)

Pros and Cons to submitting a FAFSA without Parents Income Information

- ◆ **Pro:** A federal unsubsidized loan is far superior to alternative/private education loans and credit cards.
- ◆ **Pro:** Some federal aid is better than no federal aid... which the reality was previously for students in this situation.
- ◆ **Pro:** Federal student loans do not involve checking a student's credit rating
- ◆ **Con:** Only an unsubsidized loan can be awarded (the least desirable federal student loan). You will be ineligible for Pell Grant, SEOG Grant, ACG and SMART grants, LEAP grant, need-based scholarships, work-study award, Perkins loan, federal subsidized loans, and Parent PLUS loans.
- ◆ **Con:** Student may not receive any financial support what-so-ever from a FAFSA parent, including living at home with a FAFSA parent, using a vehicle owned by a FAFSA parent, a FAFSA parent co-signing any loan, or providing health or car insurance.
- ◆ **Con:** The amount of unsubsidized loan is limited to the annual grade level limit for dependent students (Freshman = \$5,500; Sophomore = \$6,500; Junior/Senior/Post-Bacc = \$7,500).
- ◆ **Con:** FAFSA parent(s) and student need to complete a Petition for Dependent Students without Parental Help that must be approved by financial aid counselor(s).

2011-2012 Petition for Dependent Students without Parental Help

Student's name: _____ ID: _____ Phone: _____
Street Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Parents please initial each statement below indicating that you understand the impact of this Petition

- _____ It is always in the student's best interest to submit a FAFSA with parents' income information.
- _____ Providing income and household information on the FAFSA does **not** require parents to provide financial support.
- _____ My son or daughter will only be eligible for federal unsubsidized loans if this Petition is approved.
- _____ The amount of unsubsidized loan is limited to the annual grade level limit for dependent students (Freshman = \$5,500; Sophomore = \$6,500; Junior/Senior/Post-Bacc = \$7,500)
- _____ Interest at the rate of 6.8% will begin accruing on the loan when it is disbursed even when my son or daughter is enrolled in school.
- _____ If this Petition is approved, my son or daughter will **not** be eligible for desirable aid including, but not limited to:
- ◆ Pell Grants, Academic Competitiveness Grants, SMART Grants, and other grants
 - ◆ Work-study funding
 - ◆ Financial need-based scholarships
 - ◆ Federal subsidized student loans and Perkins loans
 - ◆ Federal Parent PLUS loans
 - ◆ Idaho Opportunity Grants
- _____ I do **not** provide any financial support to my son or daughter including cash and non-cash support such as room and board, use of a vehicle, health or car insurance coverage, or co-signing any type of loan for student.
- _____ I do **not** own a prepaid 529 plan where my son or daughter is a beneficiary.

I certify that I refuse to provide income and household information on the federal financial aid application (FAFSA), my financial support of my son or daughter has ended, and I will not provide any financial support in the future. I understand that this Petition impacts aid only at Boise State University for the 2011-2012 academic year.

Date when financial support stopped: _____

_____	_____
Printed Name of Biological or Adoptive Parent	Printed Name of Biological, Adoptive, or Step-Parent
_____	_____
Signature	Signature

Phone: _____ **Date:** _____ **Phone:** _____ **Date:** _____

All information provided in my Petition for Dependent Students without Parental Help is correct and true. I understand that the decision made on the basis of this petition only affects my application for aid at Boise State University for the 2011-2012 academic year. I have attached my letter, budget, and third-party letter, if needed.

Student's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____