

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCE NO PARENT INFORMATION**

When you completed and submitted your 2026-2027 Free Application For Federal Student Aid ([FAFSA](#)) your answers to the dependency status questions identified you as a dependent student. This means you were required to provide parental information. You indicated that you have an unusual circumstance and were unable to provide parental information.

Under Federal law to the extent your family is able, they are primarily responsible for paying for your college expenses. To determine how much your family can afford to pay toward your college expenses, we must collect your financial information and your parents' financial information.

**However, Federal law allows for some exceptions, if you have an unusual circumstance.** The following are examples of some unusual circumstances where you may submit your FAFSA without providing parental information (a Petition for Independence may be warranted in these cases—Inquire at the Office of Financial Aid):

- ◆ Your parents are incarcerated; or
- ◆ You have left home due to an abusive family environment; or
- ◆ You have circumstances which have resulted in family estrangement; or
- ◆ You do not know where your parents are and are unable to contact them (and you have not been adopted).

**But not all situations are considered an unusual circumstance.** The following are situations that would not be considered an unusual circumstance:

- ◆ Your parents do not want to provide their information on your FAFSA; or
- ◆ Your parents refuse to contribute to your college expenses; or
- ◆ Your parents do not claim you as a dependent on their income taxes; or
- ◆ You do not live with your parents.

If you do not have a special circumstance and are unable to provide parental information, you normally do not qualify for federal student aid.

However, in situations where **your parents refuse to provide their information on the FAFSA OR refuse to provide you with any financial support**, there is an exception that allows a student to submit the FAFSA without parental information and **apply for an Unsubsidized Stafford Loan only at the discretion of a financial aid administrator.**

**If you have a situation where your parent refuses to provide their information on the FAFSA OR refuses to provide you with financial support, please complete and submit the attached form for a decision to apply for an unsubsidized loan only at the discretion of a financial aid administrator.**

If your parents refuse to sign and date a statement to this effect, you must get documentation from a third party, such as a teacher, counselor, cleric or court.

**FORM PSPECN - IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY  
SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCE  
NO PARENT INFORMATION**

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Financial Aid regulations state the family has primary responsibility for meeting the educational costs of students. Dependent students are required by law to provide parental information and signature(s) to be considered for financial aid. When parents refuse to provide their information on the [FAFSA](#) there is an exception that allows the student to apply for an Unsubsidized Loan ONLY, at the discretion of a financial aid administrator. Please return this completed form with attachments, if applicable, to:

**Office of Financial Aid, Idaho State University, Museum Building, Third Floor  
921 S 8<sup>th</sup> Ave, Stop 8077, Pocatello, ID 83209-8077  
Phone: (208)282-2756 Fax: (208)282-4755 Email: [financialaid@isu.edu](mailto:financialaid@isu.edu)  
Scan and Upload: [isu.edu/financialaid/upload](http://isu.edu/financialaid/upload)**

\*Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Use blue or black ink) Last First M.I.

\*ISU ID: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Last 4 Digits of Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Find on [MyISU](#))

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\*Required Street City St Zip

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Complete the [FAFSA](#) and select "I am submitting my FAFSA to apply for an unsubsidized loan only."  
Complete this form with your parent's signature and submit the form to the ISU Office of Financial Aid (address above).

**Award year or time frame you are applying for:** \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g. 2026-27 Award Year)

**PARENT STATEMENT:**  
I am the parent of \_\_\_\_\_ . I refuse to complete FAFSA OR I do not  
(student name)

**and will not provide** \_\_\_\_\_ **with any financial support.**  
(student name)

**Date support ended:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(mm/dd/yyyy)

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name Printed: \_\_\_\_\_

Father  Mother  Step-parent (check only one)

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(mm/dd/yyyy)

**If both your parents refuse to sign and date this form or another statement to this effect, you must acquire documentation from a third party such as a teacher, counselor, cleric or court.**

I have attached statement(s) from the following person(s) (include: name, address, job title and relationship to you):  
A. \_\_\_\_\_  
B. \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATION:** The person signing below certifies that all of the information reported is complete and correct.  
**WARNING: If you purposely give false or misleading information, you may be fined, sent to prison, or both.**

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Typed signature not accepted*