

2025-2026 Petition for Dependent Students without Parental Support

The law governing federal student aid eligibility for dependent students is based on the premise that the family is the first source of support and has primary responsibility for meeting the educational costs of the student. **In order to be considered for most types of financial aid, dependent students are required to provide parental information on the FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). The U.S. Department of Education stipulates that parent refusal to provide support or unwillingness to complete/sign the FAFSA, are not sufficient grounds to appeal the student’s dependency status (this is true even if the parents do not claim the student as a dependent for income tax purposes, or the student demonstrates total self-sufficiency). In this case, the dependent student may be eligible to receive an **unsubsidized loan** to assist in funding their education (no other aid is allowed).

If your parents have permanently ended all financial support or refuse to provide their information on your FAFSA, you may complete this petition and submit your FAFSA without parental information, to be considered for a federal unsubsidized loan up to the annual grade level limits for a dependent student. If your parents are unwilling to complete and sign this petition, but meet the criteria above, you must include documentation from a third party (teacher, counselor, clergy member, court, etc.) who is familiar with your situation and can describe your relationship with your parents and possible reason(s) for refusal. This form will not be accepted unless all sections are completed. Once received, Student Financial Services will review your petition and make a final determination based on the documentation submitted.

Section A: Student Information

Student Last Name: _____ Student First Name: _____ NU Student ID: _____

Section B: Parent Attestation

The parent(s) whose information would have been used on the FAFSA must complete this section (if both parents information would have been used, then both parents’ initials are required). **Parent(s), if you refuse to provide your information on your child’s FAFSA and/or you have permanently ended all financial support, please read and initial/complete each statement below indicating that you understand the impact of this petition.**

<p>Parent 1 (required)</p>	<p>Parent 2 (if applicable)</p>
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I refuse to complete the parental section of my child’s FAFSA and/or I do not provide any financial support to my child and will not provide any financial support to my child in the future. This includes both cash and non-cash support, such as housing and food, use of a vehicle, health or car insurance coverage, co-signing of any type of loan for the student, or payment of school expenses (tuition, books, supplies, etc.).

_____ **Date financial support ended (if applicable) →** _____ / _____ / _____

Providing my financial and household information on my child’s FAFSA does not obligate me to provide support, pay my child’s tuition, or borrow any educational loans on my child’s behalf.

By refusing to complete the parental section of the FAFSA, my child is prevented from receiving most forms of aid (including government grants, need-based loans and scholarships, and work-study).

If this petition is approved, my child will only be eligible for an unsubsidized loan up to annual grade level limits for a dependent student (Freshman=\$5,500/Sophomore=\$6,500/Junior & Senior=\$7,500).

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Section C: Student Signature

By completing this petition, I certify that my parents have permanently ended all financial support, as indicated above, and refuse to provide parental information on the FAFSA. I understand that this request impacts my financial aid eligibility at Northwest University for the 2025-2026 academic year, and that I will only be considered for an unsubsidized loan to assist in funding my education (no other federal or state aid will be available). I hereby certify that all the information included in this petition is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false statements or misrepresentations will be cause for denial and repayment of all aid received, and I may be subject to a fine, imprisonment, or both.

Student Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

Section D: Parent Signature(s)

By completing this petition, I certify that I have permanently ended all financial support of my child, as indicated above, and refuse to provide parental information on the FAFSA. I understand that this request impacts my child's financial aid eligibility at Northwest University for the 2025-2026 academic year, and that my child will only be considered for an unsubsidized loan to assist in funding their education (no other federal or state aid will be available). I hereby certify that all the information included in this petition is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false statements or misrepresentations will be cause for denial and repayment of all aid received, and I may be subject to a fine, imprisonment, or both.

Parent 1 Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

Parent 2 Signature* _____ Date ____/____/____

**If both parents information would have been used on the FAFSA, then both parents' signatures are required.*

Third Party Signature** _____ Date ____/____/____

***Only required if parents refuse to complete and sign this form.*

****Typed or stamped signatures are not valid. Signatures must be done by hand. Return this form to Student Financial Services****

Student Financial Services Use Only

- Approved
- Denied

Reviewed By: _____ Date: _____

Comments: _____

