Instructions for Dependent Students Without Parental Data on the FAFSA

When you completed and submitted your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) your answers to the dependency status questions identified you as a dependent student. Therefore, you were required to provide parental information. However, you indicated 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 is expected to be able to afford to pay toward your college expenses, we must collect your financial information as well as your parents' financial information.

Federal law allows for some exceptions called "unusual circumstances." The following are examples of some unusual circumstances where you may submit your FAFSA without providing parental information. If one of these situations apply to you **STOP** and contact the Financial Aid office to request an "Unusual (Dependency) Circumstances Appeal."

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

The following situations are **not** considered an unusual circumstance:

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

If you do not have an unusual 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 a **Direct Unsubsidized Loan only** which may be granted at the discretion of a financial aid administrator. **(Please note: the Unsubsidized Loan is the ONLY federal aid available to the student under this exception).**

To apply for Unsubsidized Loans only, your parent must complete the **Parental Affidavit of Non-Support**

Instructions:

1. Complete the FAFSA and select "Yes" to the question "Apply for a Direct Unsubsidized Loan Only."
2. Have your parents complete the attached Parent Affidavit of Non-Support and submit the original notarized form to the Financial Aid Office.

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Original form must be mailed to:
Mail: HCC Financial Aid
606 West Main
Highland, KS 66035
Faxed forms will not be accepted.
Phone: 785-442-6000 ext. 2002

2026-2027 Parental Affidavit of Non-Support

(To Be Signed with a Notary Public)

If your parent(s) refuses to provide their information on the FAFSA or refuses to provide you with financial support, your parent(s) must complete and submit this form so you may receive an unsubsidized federal loan which may be granted at the discretion of an HCC financial aid administrator. Note the Unsubsidized Loan will be the ONLY federal aid available to the student.

A. STUDENT INFORMATION

Student's Name:		Student ID:
Street Address (include apt. #):		
City/State/Zip:		
Date of Birth:	Phone:	Email:

B. PARENTAL AFFIDAVIT OF NON-SUPPORT

TO BE COMPLETED IN THE PRESENCE OF A NOTARY and ORIGINAL FORM MUST BE MAILED TO HCC FINANCIAL AID.

We cannot accept a copy or electronic format.

Parent(s), read and check any/all of the following statement that apply to your situation.

NOTE: Unless unmarried, **both parents must sign this form** regardless of which parent is refusing to provide the information and/or financial support.

I/We certify the following:

- ❑ I/We are the parent(s) of the dependent student, _____. (Print Student's Name)
- ❑ **ALL** financial support to this student ended _____/_____. (Month/Year)
- ❑ This student is not covered under either parent's health or auto insurance.
- ❑ Parent(s) does not pay any bills for this student, or otherwise provide cash, room, board, or any other in-kind support.
- ❑ Parent(s) does not/will not claim this student as a dependent on federal or other income tax returns for 2023.
- ❑ Parent(s) refuses to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for 2025-2026 for this student.

I/We understand that this refusal means this student will not receive any federal grant aid or subsidized loans for college.

Each person signing below certifies that all of the information reported is complete and correct.

PARENT 1: Print Name _____

Signature_____ Date ____/____/____

PARENT 2: Print Name _____

Signature_____ Date ____/____/____

WARNING: If you purposely give false or misleading information, you may be fined, sent to prison, or both.

NOTARY'S CERTIFICATE OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT

State of _____ City/County of _____

Signed and acknowledged before me on_____, by _____,
(Date) (Print Full Name of signer)

WITNESS my hand and official seal _____
(seal) (Notary signature)

My commission expires on _____
(Date)