

Instruction Sheet

The law governing the Federal Student Aid programs is based on the premise that your family is the first source of your support as a student and the law provides several criteria that decide if you are considered independent of your parents for aid eligibility. If you are considered a dependent of your parents, information on the income and assets of your parents must be included on the FAFSA. For information about dependency status on the FAFSA, please visit the Federal Student Aid website at <https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out/dependency>.

Please review the following circumstances to determine which one applies to your family situation:

A) Is there a case of abuse, abandonment and/or neglect in your relationship with your biological mother and father? If so, you may be eligible to pursue a dependency override. If the dependency override is approved, your dependent status will be overridden. Once your FAFSA is processed and finalized, you will be considered for any other Federal, State and/or Institutional financial aid [i.e., grants (including Federal Pell Grant), work-study and student loans]. **Please visit our website for further information about the dependency override process at <https://financialaid.unt.edu/dependency-override>.**

B) Do your parents refuse to complete the FAFSA? Do your parents not provide you with any means of financial support (including paying educational costs, room and/or board, medical or auto insurance, claiming student on taxes, paying other expenses on the student's behalf and/or other cash and non-cash support)? If so, the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 (HEOA) granted students whose parents refuse to provide support eligibility to receive Direct unsubsidized loans only up to their dependent loan limit. You would NOT be eligible for any other Federal, State and/or Institutional financial aid [i.e. grants (including Federal Pell Grant), work-study or need based student loans]. **Please complete the attached form with your parent and return it to our office.**

C) If your family situation does not meet either of the requirements listed above, you will be required to provide parental information on your FAFSA. **Please access your FAFSA at <http://www.fafsa.gov> and make any necessary corrections to submit required parental information.**

If you have questions or need further assistance, you may contact our office at <https://scrappysays.unt.edu> or (940) 565-2302.

Thank you.

Financial Aid and Scholarships



2023-2024 FAFSA Submitted Without Parental Information

SECTION A: STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Name	UNT Assigned ID

SECTION B: PARENT VERIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION OF LOSS OF SUPPORT

Please **INITIAL** EACH statement below and provide information as requested:

- I verify that financial support is NOT being provided by either of the student's parents. Financial support includes not only payment by the parent of educational costs, but also providing other cash and non-cash support to the student such as room and/or board, insurance (medical and/or auto), claiming student on taxes and/or paying other expenses on the student's behalf.
- I verify that financial support from the student's parents ended on _____.
(MM/CCYY)
- I verify that financial support from the parents to the student will not occur during this academic year.
- I verify that the student's parents refuse to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- I understand that the student will ONLY be eligible to receive a Direct unsubsidized loan at the dependent limit. The student will NOT be eligible for any other Federal, State and/or Institutional financial aid [i.e., grants (including Federal Pell Grant), work-study or need based student loans] without parental information on the FAFSA.

By signing below, you certify that the above statements are true, and you understand the financial aid limitations involved in not providing parental information on the FAFSA.

Parent Signature

Printed Name of Parent

Date

X _____

SECTION C: STUDENT CERTIFICATION

I certify that the above statements are true, and I understand that I will ONLY be eligible to receive a Direct unsubsidized loan at the dependent limit. I will NOT be eligible for any other Federal, State and/or Institutional financial aid [i.e., grants (including Federal Pell Grant), work-study or need based student loans] without parental information on the FAFSA. I understand that I must sign and return this form for my financial aid to be processed. **Electronic signatures are not accepted.**

Student Signature

Date

X _____

Return this completed form with any required documentation to:

Financial Aid & Scholarships, University of North Texas - 1155 Union Circle #311370, Denton, TX 76203-5017
or fax to (940) 565-2738 or save as PDF and upload to <https://financialaid.unt.edu/upload>