# Office of Financial Aid

## Central Washington University

## Parent Refusal to Provide Information

## 2020-2021

Financial Aid regulations state that the family has primary responsibility for meeting the educational costs of the student. Dependent students are required to provide parental information and Written Signature(s) to be considered for federal 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.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Students whose parents refuse to complete/sign the FAFSA may not appeal to be considered "independent" students except in exceptional circumstances. If you believe your circumstances are exceptional, please visit our office to discuss your circumstances with a CWU Financial Aid Counselor.

LAST NAME FIRST NAME M.I. CWU ID# PHONE NUMBER

### IMPLICATIONS OF REFUSING TO COMPLETE/SIGN A FAFSA

**STUDENTS:** Please understand that, by completing this form, you are requesting an unsubsidized loan subject to the limits for dependent students *only*. No other federal, state, or institutional need-based aid will be available.

***Who is required to sign this form?***

- Parent(s) whose information would have been used to complete the FAFSA.
  - If a student's legal or biological parents are married or not married and living together, BOTH parents must initial and sign.
  - If a student's parents are divorced or separated, the parent whom the student lived with more during the past 12 months, or if the student did not live with either parent more, the parent who provided the most financial support during the past 12 months is required to complete the form.

*If your parent will not sign this form, you may submit a letter from a third party (e.g. teacher, counselor, clergy, or court representative) who is familiar with your situation, can describe your relationship with your parents, and possible reasons for the refusal.*

**PARENT(S):** Initial each statement below indicating that you understand the impact of this request:

☐ ☐ I understand that the U.S. Department of Education requires dependent students to report parent data on the FAFSA for the purpose of calculating eligibility for need-based grants and other aid ONLY and that by providing my information or Written Signature,

☐ ☐ I AM NOT obligated to pay for any of my child's college costs.

☐ ☐ I understand that refusing to provide my information or Written Signature on the FAFSA means my child WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE for ANY need-based grant/scholarship funding (including Pell Grants) and will only be eligible for a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan or other outside aid (aid awarded by organizations other than CWU

☐ ☐ I certify that I do not and will not provide any financial support to my child, including but not limited to: cash support, non-cash support, room & board, use of my vehicle, health or car insurance coverage, groceries, rent, utilities, tuition, boo

I certify that I refuse to provide income & household information on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), my financial support of my child has ended, and I will not provide any financial support, as indicated above, in the future. I understand that this request impacts financial aid at CWU for the 2020-21 academic year.

PARENT #1 WRITTEN SIGNATURE PARENT #2 WRITTEN SIGNATURE

### SIGN THIS FORM

I certify that all the information reported on this document is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if I purposely give false or misleading information I may be subject to a fine, imprisonment, or both. I authorize Central Washington University to make any necessary electronic corrections to my FAFSA based on the information submitted.

STUDENT WRITTEN SIGNATURE DATE

***This form should be uploaded through your "To Do List" on the MyCWU Student tab.***

***You should keep a copy of this worksheet for your records.***

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