

INDIANA UNIVERSITY SOUTH BEND

Petition for Dependent Students without Parental Support

2025-2026 Academic Year

Student Name (print): _____ University ID: _____
Last First Middle

Street Address: _____ City, State, _____

Zip _____ IU South Bend E-mail: _____ Student Phone: _____

Parent(s) must initial each statement below indicating they understand the impact of this Petition

- _____ I do **not** provide any financial support to my son or daughter including cash and non-cash support such as room & board, use of a vehicle, health or car insurance coverage, or co-signing any type of loan for student.
- _____ It is always in the student’s best interest to submit a FAFSA with parents’ income information.
- _____ Providing income and household information on the FAFSA does not require parents to provide financial support.
- _____ My son or daughter will only be eligible for federal unsubsidized loans if this Petition is approved.
- _____ The amount of unsubsidized loan is limited to the annual grade level limit for dependent students (Freshman = \$5,500; Sophomore = \$6,500; Junior/Senior /Post –Bac = \$7,500).
- _____ Interest will begin accruing on the loan when it is disbursed even when son/daughter is enrolled in school.
- _____ If this petition is approved, my son or daughter will not be eligible for aid including but not limited to:
 - Pell grants
 - Work-study funding
 - Financial need-based scholarships
 - Federal subsidized student loans
 - Federal Parent PLUS loans
 - Indiana State Grants

I certify that I refuse to provide income and 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 in the future. I understand that this petition affects aid only at IU South Bend for the current academic year.

Date financial support stopped: _____

_____ Printed Name of Biological or Adoptive Parent	_____ Printed Name of Biological or Adoptive Parent
_____ Signature	_____ Signature
Phone: _____ Date: _____	Phone: _____ Date: _____

All information provided in my Petition for Dependent Students without Parental Help is correct and true. The Financial Aid Office reserves the right to exercise discretion in determining a student's eligibility for an unsubsidized loan. While each application is carefully reviewed, approval is not guaranteed, and certain circumstances may result in denial. Decisions are made based on federal regulations, institutional policies, and the student's demonstrated financial need

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return form to: Upload form via our secure site <https://go.iu.edu/FAsecure>
Phone:(574) 520-4357 Fax:(574) 520-5561
Email: sbfinaid@iu.edu

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General Information:

Most unmarried undergraduates under the age of 24 are considered **dependent** for federal financial aid purposes and therefore must provide parental information. In cases where parents have ended financial support of the student **AND** they refuse to provide their information on the student's FAFSA, the student may submit this petition to receive **ONLY** unsubsidized loans.

Documents required:

1. Current year FAFSA received by IU South Bend
2. Petition for Dependent Students without Parental Support Appeal Form
3. **IF** parent(s) refuse to sign and date appeal, documentation will be accepted from a 3rd party (teacher, counselor, cleric, or court).

Required to sign this petition:

1. Information that would have been used on the student's FAFSA
 - a. Your biological mother and/or father
 - b. Your legally adoptive mother and/or father
 - c. Your step-parent if your biological or adoptive parent has remarried

Note: grandparents, foster parents and legal guardians are **NOT** considered parents for the purposes of the FAFSA

2. If your parents are legally married and living together, both signatures are required.
3. If your parent has **NEVER** been married **AND**, you do **NOT** know or have contact with the other parent, only one signature is needed.
4. If parents are divorced or legally separated, you will determine the appropriate parent to complete appeal by the **ranked criteria** below:
 - a. Parent you have lived with more over the past 12 months
 - b. Parent who provided more financial support over the past 12 months
 - c. Parent who provided more financial support during the most recent year you received financial support.
 - d. If all of the above are equal then provide the information for the parent with the most income and assets.

Pros and Cons to submitting FAFSA without Parent Income Information:

- Pro:** A federal unsubsidized loan is far superior to alternative/private loans and credit cards.
- Pro:** Some federal aid is better than no federal aid.
- Pro:** Federal student loans do not involve checking a student's credit rating.
- Con:** Only an unsubsidized loan can be awarded (the least desirable federal student loan). You will be ineligible for Pell Grant, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG), need-based scholarships, work-study award, federal subsidized loans and Parent PLUS loans.
- Con:** The amount of unsubsidized loan is limited to the annual grade level limit for dependent students (Freshman = \$5,500; Sophomore = \$6,500; Junior/Senior /Post -Bacc = \$7,500).
- Con:** Student may not receive **any** financial support from a FAFSA parent, including living at home with a FAFSA parent, using a vehicle owned by a FAFSA parent, a FAFSA parent co-signing any loan or providing health or car insurance.
- Con:** Additional steps required: FAFSA parent(s) and student need to complete a Petition for Dependent Students without Parental Help that must be approved by Financial Aid & Scholarship Office.