Special Circumstances Form 2022-2023

Answer each question regarding the student and if applicable, the students' supporting parent(s). Visit https://www.ohio.edu/financial-aid/forms for directions on submitting your forms using our Secure Upload Portal, mailing, or faxing.

Student Name

Student PID (Pxxxxxxxxx) 

Written Student Signature (Electronic Signature Not Accepted) Date

You recently completed your 2022-2023 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) without providing any parental data. Additionally, you answered "no" to all questions regarding dependency. Thus, you cannot be considered an independent student. Currently, your FAFSA is not complete because it lacks parental data. At this point, you have several options.

If you have previously been approved as an independent student through the Dependency Appeal at Ohio University, complete the Dependency Certification Form found at https://www.ohio.edu/financial-aid/forms. Your FAFSA will be reprocessed as an independent student.

If you feel you should be considered an independent student because you have an estranged relationship with both of your biological or adoptive parents, please contact our office to speak with your assigned financial aid administrator regarding the possibility of a Dependency Appeal.

If the above two criteria do not apply to you and you cannot answer "yes" to any of the questions regarding dependency on the FAFSA, you can complete the FAFSA as a dependent student. This is your only option to be considered for all types of financial aid. To do this, you must submit a FAFSA Parental Information Form with your biological/adoptive parental income information and signature(s). To obtain this form go to www.ohio.edu/financial-aid and select "Forms".

Your FAFSA can remain incomplete. However, your only option for financial aid is a Federal Unsubsidized Loan. This loan accrues interest while you are in school. If you complete the FAFSA as indicated above, you can be considered for additional financial aid including grants and subsidized loans. Please inform our office below of your decision. Option B requires parent signatures.

☐ Option A: I plan to provide parental information to complete my FAFSA and be considered for all forms of financial aid. By selecting this option, I understand that I must follow the instructions above and provide the appropriate forms to complete my FAFSA.

☐ Option B: I will not complete my FAFSA. I certify that my parent(s) has ended financial support and refuses to file the FAFSA. I wish for Ohio University to award me a Federal Unsubsidized Loan for the maximum amount. My signature above is considered acceptance of this loan as well. I understand that this is the only type of financial aid available to me. Your parent must sign the statement below before the loan will be awarded. Maximum Loan Amounts Offered: Freshmen - $5,500, Sophomore - $6,500, Junior/Senior - $7,500

We, parents of the above student, certify that we have ended financial support of the student and refuse to provide the required information and signatures of the FAFSA for 2022-2023.

Written Parent Signature (Electronic Signature Not Accepted) Date

Written Parent Signature (if applicable) Date

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