



Parent Information Waiver Request

Student Name: _____ BU ID: _____

Email: _____ Phone #: _____

Undergraduate students applying for financial aid, who have one or more living biological/adoptive parents, are required to submit their parents' financial information as part of their aid applications. Parent/guardian financial information is required on the CSS Profile when applying for BU need-based aid, even if parent information is not required for a student's FAFSA. According to guidelines set by the U.S. Department of Education, a student is a dependent student if they are under the age of 24 and answered "No" to the [dependency questions on the FAFSA](#). Dependent students must provide parent information on the FAFSA.

With documented serious circumstances, BU may be able to waive parent information. Parent Information Waiver Requests are considered by committee on a case-by-case basis.

This waiver request should be submitted if:

- A student does not have to submit parent information on the FAFSA and would like to request a waiver of parent information for their BU need-based aid application.
- A student does not qualify as an independent student based on their FAFSA application and would like to be considered for need-based federal and BU aid without parent information.

Unusual and extraordinary circumstances, such as persistent, ongoing, and irreconcilable family conflict may be considered reasons to waive parent information. According to Department of Education regulations, NONE of the conditions listed below are sufficient justification to approve a waiver request:

- Parents refuse to contribute to the student's education.
- Parents are unwilling to provide information.
- Parents do not claim the student as a dependent for income tax purposes.
- Student demonstrates total self-sufficiency.

Submission of this request does not guarantee that parent information will be waived or that approval will result in increased BU Scholarship for enrolled BU students.

Instructions: Complete this form, then upload it—along with all relevant documentation—to your Student Portal. Supporting evidence from third parties should be included with your request. Third parties may include mental health professionals, clergy, teachers/school counselors, academic support staff, or other, non-family members who are familiar with your circumstances.

Waiver requests submitted without supporting documentation and/or third-party corroboration will be reviewed; however, they are less likely to be approved. Supporting information from third parties helps to confirm the information you are providing and allows the committee to understand your request more. They are a critical part of our review.

Please provide all information to the best of your ability and report "unknown" where necessary.

Parent 1 Information:

Parent's Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Occupation: _____

- Are there any legal orders that limit Parent 1's contact with you?

Yes

No

Unknown

If "yes," please upload all available documentation.

- When was the last time you had contact with Parent 1?

- Please describe the type (in-person, via text or phone call, etc.) and frequency (daily, weekly, etc.) of contact with Parent 1:

Parent 2 Information:

Parent's Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Occupation: _____

- Are there any legal orders that limit Parent 1's contact with you?

Yes

No

Unknown

If "yes," please upload all available documentation.

- When was the last time you had contact with Parent 2?

- Please describe the type (in-person, via text or phone call, etc.) and frequency (daily, weekly, etc.) of contact with Parent 2:

Do you receive financial support from either Parent 1 or Parent 2?

Parent 1:

Yes

No

If yes, please indicate the amount and frequency:

Parent 2:

Yes

No

If yes, please indicate the amount and frequency:

In the space below and with as much detail as possible, explain why you are submitting this parent information waiver request. In your description, include the history and current status of your relationships with both Parent 1 and Parent 2. If either parent is remarried and you would like your relationship with your stepparent(s) considered, please provide the details here as well (attach additional page if needed):

Certification: _____

I certify that the information above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Date: _____