The Higher Education Act of 1992 stipulates which students are required to provide parental information when applying for student financial assistance. These rules are explained in the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Occasionally, due to extraordinary circumstances, student cannot obtain parent’s information. If you have extraordinary circumstances, you may petition for a waiver of federal regulations requiring parental information. This petition must be complete annually prior to you completing the applications for financial aid. In your petition you should answer each of the following questions. Attach an additional sheet if necessary:

1. Check all that apply:
   - Father deceased
   - Parents divorced
   - Have legal guardian(s) other than parents

   Name and address of Legal Guardian:

   (If this Petition is based on one of your parents being deceased, the following information applies to your surviving parent)

2. Identify the location of parents:

3. Describe the last time you had contact with each parent (when, where, and the nature of contact):

4. Explain why you cannot obtain parental information:

(over)
5. Explain how you have supported yourself since you last received assistance from your parent(s):
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__________________________________________________________________________________________

6. Provide any other information that may be relevant to your petition:
__________________________________________________________________________________________
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7. Submit a written statement from a responsible adult (non-relative) who is aware of your situation and can corroborate the facts you present. Examples of such persons could include clergy, social services personnel, court officials (or copies of court documents), teachers, counselors, and/or police officers.

Applicant’s Certification:
I certify that all information on this statement and any attachments hereto is true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that false statements or misrepresentation will be cause for denial, reduction, withdrawal, and/or repayment of financial aid and may subject me to a fine, imprisonment, or both under provisions of the United States Criminal Code.

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Signature

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