



RIVERLAND
Community College

**Petition for Dependent Student to Receive
Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loan Only**

(Do not submit this Petition without the required documentation attached)

Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____

I am petitioning the Financial Aid Office to consider my eligibility for a Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loan due to being a dependent student (based on the federal financial aid definition) and my parent refusal to provide their information on the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

Federal law says that a dependent student (based on the federal financial aid definition) whose parents (both mother and father) have permanently ended all financial support of the student and refuse to complete the parent section of the FAFSA, may be eligible for ONLY a Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loan at the dependent yearly loan limits. No other aid is allowed. The Riverland Community College Financial Aid Office will make the final determination whether or not to allow the student to borrow a Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loan without parental information.

In order for this petition to be considered, you MUST complete the front of this form and attach ALL the documentation requested on the back of this form.

I certify that all of the information stated in the letters attached concerning my request for an unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loan due to my parent(s) refusal to provide their information is true and complete.

Student's Signature

Student ID #

Phone Number

Date

OFFICE USE ONLY-DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE!

ALL DECISIONS ARE FINAL

☐ **APPROVED.** You need to do the following:

☐ **DENIED** for the following reason(s):

☐ **NO DECISION.** The following information is still needed:

FA Director's Signature

Date

Riverland is asking you to provide information that includes private and/or confidential information under state and federal law. Riverland is asking for this information in order to process this form. You are not legally required to provide the information we are requesting; however, the college may not be able to effectively process this form without it.



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DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED

In order for this petition to be considered, you MUST:

- A. Have already completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov and had the results sent to Riverland Community College; and
- B. Complete the front of this form; and
- C. **Attach** the following documentation:
 - a. **A personal letter from you.** The letter should be one to two pages and provide as much detail as possible and include the following:
 - ✓ Why you are asking this petition to be considered.
 - ✓ The names, addresses, and phone numbers for both your father (step-father) and your mother (step-mother).
 - ✓ Why you believe both of your parents have permanently ended all their financial support of you. Provide the date which this occurred and why.
 - ✓ Why you believe both of your parents are refusing to complete the parent section of the FAFSA application. Describe the conversations you have had with them and the outcome of those conversations.
 - ✓ Your living arrangements over the past two (2) years. Include the names with whom you resided, the addresses, and the dates.
 - ✓ For each of the past two (2) years, explain how you have paid for rent, food, transportation, utilities, insurance, etc. Be specific.
 - ✓ Your name, date, and signature.
 - b. **A letter from your parents.** This letter should provide as much detail as possible and include:
 - ✓ Why your parents have permanently ended all financial support of you. Provide the date which this occurred.
 - ✓ Why your parents are refusing to complete the parent section of the FAFSA application.
 - ✓ Parents' name, address, phone number, date, and signature.

*If the parents refuse to sign and date a statement to this effect, you must get documentation from a third party, such as a teacher, counselor, cleric, or court.

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