2027-2028 Unusual Circumstances Review

STUDENT INFORMATION:

Name:_____ **TCC ID#**_____

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) includes questions to determine whether a student should include their parental information in their application. In certain situations, a student may have unusual circumstances that do not meet federal criteria for independent status. In such cases, the student can submit a request form for a review of their circumstances to see if they qualify to exclude parental information from the FAFSA.

Unusual Circumstances Options

☐ A. **Estrangement from both parents:**

- Due to a family environment that threatens the health or safety of the student or other unusual circumstances beyond the student's control

☐ B. **Parental refusal to complete FAFSA:**

- Parent(s) refusal to complete or provide information (**Please note**: This would only grant a student eligibility for an unsubsidized loan)

Important Information

☐ All requests will be processed in the order they are received
☐ Turnaround time can take up to 3 weeks (4 weeks during peak times)
☐ Required documentation as listed under the unusual circumstance, you indicated above, or requested by SFAS
☐ Incomplete forms may be returned without processing
☐ Check your MyTCC email for requests for additional documentation or a final determination

FAFSA Completion

☐ Complete the 2027-2028 FAFSA before submission of this form, leaving the parental information blank
☐ Add TCC school code (003626) to your FAFSA

Certification And Signature

"I confirm that all the information provided on this form is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I have also attached all the necessary supporting documents where applicable. I understand that submitting this form does not guarantee approval of my unusual circumstances, and only the options listed above will be reviewed. Furthermore, I am aware that I must inform Student Financial Aid Services (SFAS) if my circumstances change after submitting this application."

Signature:_____ **Date**:_____

A. Estrangement from both parents

Please note that this type of request is reserved for students who have experienced an estrangement with both parents due to cases of neglect, abandonment, or abuse.

The period you began supporting yourself: From:_____/_____/_____ To:_____/_____/_____

Whom did you live with? _____ Relationship: _____

From: _____/_____/_____ To: _____/_____/_____

Additional requirements and documentation for section A:

All must be signed, dated and include contact information.

☐ A letter from the student detailing the relationship with both parents must accompany this application

☐ A letter from a person or organization that you lived with after the estrangement

☐ A letter from an independent third party, preferably someone in a professional capacity (i.e. teacher, social worker, minister, counselor, etc.) who can detail their knowledge of your estrangement from your parents, and the length of time this has occurred.

B. Parental refusal to complete FAFSA

Please note that if you are a dependent student whose parent(s) refuse to provide support or data for completing the FAFSA, you may be ineligible for a change of dependency status due to unusual circumstances. However, you may still be able to receive unsubsidized student loans.

Additional requirements and documentation for section B:

To request an unsubsidized loan due to parental refusal, you must:

☐ Have a parent complete the statement regarding the refusal of support or release of data below

☐ Complete the unsubsidized loan request on page 3

It's important to note that if your parent(s) previously submitted data via the FAFSA for this or previous academic years, your request could be denied. Additionally, if your parent(s) submit their data after your unsubsidized loan has been awarded, it may be canceled and re-evaluated.

Parent(s) Certification of Non-Support

Parental statement: I,_____certify that I refuse to complete parental information on the FAFSA, and have stopped providing education costs, cash, and non-cash (room, and/or board, living expenses) support to my child, as of____/_____/____

Parent's Signature_____**Today's Date**_____/____/_____

*If the parent(s) refuses to sign the parental statement of non-support, a letter from an independent third party, preferably someone in a professional capacity, who can detail his or her knowledge of the reasons why the parent(s) refuses to provide their information on the FAFSA can be submitted**. A statement from the student is insufficient documentation for this requirement.***

Unsubsidized Loan Request for Parental Refusal *Only*

Tarrant County College Loan Policy

- Freshman level initial unsubsidized loan — $3500 per academic year
- Sophomore level initial unsubsidized loan — $4500 per academic year
- Additional Unsubsidized loan — $2000 per academic year

- *One-semester loan will be limited to one-half of the maximum yearly eligibility*
  - *$1750 Freshman*
  - *$2250 Sophomore*
  - *$1000 Additional unsubsidized*

Note: Loan eligibility is prorated based on enrollment and may be subject to annual and aggregate federal loan limits

Basic Requirements:

- Students must be enrolled for at least **six (6)** hours that are required on the TCC degree plan
- Students must attend **ALL** classes before the official date of record to earn the funds disbursed
- Students must be making Satisfactory Academic Progress
- Students must meet all federal general eligibility requirements
- No loans, subsidized or unsubsidized, will be made for less than $100
- TCC will not process late disbursements after the loan period has ended unless required by statute
- Official transcripts from all previously attended post-secondary institutions must be received and evaluated to prevent any financial aid cancellations including loans

Please indicate the semester(s) that you will attend at least six credit hours and would like to receive a loan:

☐ Fall/Spring ☐ Fall 2027 Only* ☐ Spring 2028 Only* ☐ Spring/Summer ☐ Summer 2028 Only*

(*One-semester loan eligibility will be based on the graduation date of the student and a one-semester budget)

My signature below verifies that I have read and understood the following: (Check All)

☐ I have completed this request in its entirety (no required questions have been left blank)
☐ I understand that **THIS IS A FEDERAL LOAN THAT MUST BE REPAID**
☐ I understand that as a New Borrower, I must complete online Entrance Counseling at www.studentaid.gov before loans will disburse
☐ I understand that as a New Borrower, I must complete a Master Promissory Note online at www.studentaid.gov after I receive my award notification email
☐ I understand that each year TCC must receive confirmation that I completed the **Annual Student Loan Acknowledgement** at www.studentaid.gov before my loan can be disbursed

Student Signature_____ **Date**_____