FAFSA Submitted Without Parent Information
Instruction Sheet

The law governing the Federal Student Aid programs is based on the premise that your family is the first source of your support as a student. The law provides several criteria that decide if you are considered independent of your parents for aid eligibility. If you are considered a dependent of your parents, information on the income and assets of your parents must be included on the FAFSA.

Please review the following circumstances to determine which one applies to your family situation:

A) Is there a case of abuse, abandonment and/or neglect in your relationship with your biological mother or father? If so, you may be eligible to pursue a dependency override. If the dependency override is approved, your dependent status will be overridden. Once your FAFSA is processed and finalized, you will be considered for any other Federal financial aid (i.e. Pell Grant, Work-study, Student Loans). Please contact the Office of Financial Aid for further information on the dependency override process.

B) Do your parents refuse to complete the FAFSA? The Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 amended the Higher Education Act of 1965 to permit college financial aid administrators to offer dependent students an unsubsidized Stafford loan only without requiring the parents to file a FAFSA, provided that the financial aid administrator verifies that the parents have ended financial support and refuse to file the FAFSA. This means:

- Your parents do not provide you with any means of financial support, in any form or fashion (i.e. medical/auto insurance, claiming student on taxes, paying any expenses on the student’s behalf and/or other cash and non-cash support).
- You are not eligible for any other federal or institutional aid such as grants (including Pell Grant), work-study or need-based student loans, such as the subsidized Stafford loan.
- Your parents must complete and sign the attached form and return it to the Office of Financial Aid.

C) If your family situation does not meet either of the requirements listed above, you will be required to provide parental information on your FAFSA. If you need to access your FAFSA to make changes, you may do so by logging on to the FAFSA website at www.fafsa.ed.gov and click on “make changes to a processed FAFSA.”

If you have questions or need further assistance, contact the Office of Financial Aid at 800-367-3565 x 303 or mthompson@hcu.edu.
SECTION A: Student Information

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SECTION B: Parent Verification and Certification of Loss of Support

Please INITIAL EACH statement below and provide information as requested:

__________ I certify that financial support is NOT being provided by either of the student’s parents. Financial support includes, but is not limited to, payment by the parent of educational costs, providing other cash and non-cash support such as paying for insurance, claiming student on taxes and/or paying other expenses on the student’s behalf.

__________ I verify that financial support from the student’s parents ended on ________________ (MM/DD/YYYY).

__________ I verify that financial support from the parents to the student will not occur during this academic year.

__________ I verify that the student’s parents refuse to complete the FAFSA.

__________ I understand that the student will ONLY be eligible to receive an unsubsidized Stafford loan. The student will NOT be eligible for any other Federal or Institutional aid without the parental information on the FAFSA.

By signing below, you certify that the above statements are true and you understand the financial aid limitations involved in not providing parental information on the FAFSA.

Parent Signature ____________________________ Parent’s Printed Name ____________________________ Date ____________

SECTION C: Student Certification

I certify that the above statements are true and I understand that I will ONLY be eligible to receive an unsubsidized Stafford loan. I will NOT be eligible for any other Federal or Institutional aid without the parental information on the FAFSA. I understand that I must sign and return this form for my financial aid to be processed.

Student Signature ____________________________ Date ____________

Electronic signatures will not be accepted.

This original form must be returned to the Office of Financial Aid in person or mailed directly to:

HCU, P.O. Box HCU, Florence, AL 35630, Attn: Financial Aid