

Dear Parent:

The University of Washington Office of Student Financial Aid has received a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) from your student that does not contain parent information. The FAFSA requests parental information for dependent students in order to determine eligibility for need-based financial aid funds. Our office would very much like to be able to determine the best available funds for your student but without parental data, we are limited to an interest bearing student loan only. If privacy is your concern for not providing your financial data on the FAFSA, please be aware that financial aid applications are confidential and are protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

Although parent information is required, it does not obligate parents to apply for loans or even co-sign federally backed loans that may be part of a student's financial aid award package. Parent information is used solely to determine a student's financial aid eligibility. Not providing parent information will deny a student the opportunity for need-based aid such as scholarships, grants and low interest loans.

The University of Washington Office of Student Financial Aid urges you to reconsider and submit the parent income information that could provide necessary financial assistance to your student. Our goal is to offer each student the maximum financial aid assistance the student is eligible to receive. We may not be able to do that without your help. Please note that you may be asked to provide information that will verify the accuracy of the FAFSA. If you have additional concerns, or questions about how your information might be used, please contact our office.

Sincerely,

The Office of Student Financial Aid