



PITTSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY
Annual Petition to Apply for Financial Assistance as an Independent Applicant
2026-2027

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Name _____

Student I.D. NO. _____

Cell Phone # _____

Please return to:
Pittsburg State University
Office of Student Financial Assistance
1701 S. Broadway, Pittsburg, KS 66762
(620) 235-4240 or (800) 854-7488
Fax: (620) 235-4078
Email: fnaid@pittstate.edu

Financial aid regulations assume that the family (student and parents/stepparent) has primary responsibility for meeting the educational costs of a student. If you are considered a dependent student according to the Department of Education definition, your aid eligibility is determined by using parent income and asset information in addition to your information. Dependent students are required by law to provide parental information and signatures to be considered for financial aid.

Occasionally, due to **unusual circumstances** ("*unusual circumstances*" is a legal term applicable to only 1% or less of our student body), dependent students can be considered "independent". If you can document why you should be considered independent for any unusual circumstances, you may petition for a waiver of federal regulations requiring parental information. Unusual circumstances **do not** include the student's incarceration period, students who demonstrate total self-sufficiency, parents' refusal to contribute to the student's education, parents' unwillingness to provide information on the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) application or for verification, or parents who do not claim the student as a dependent for income tax purposes.

Return this signed petition with the following: All information must be completed and turned in before the application is reviewed.

Typed and signed **detailed** explanation describing your unusual circumstance that includes:

- The location of your mother, the last time you had contact with your mother, where the contact(s) occurred, and what happened during this/these contact(s).
- The location of your father, the last time you had contact with your father, where the contact(s) occurred, and what happened during this/these contact(s)
- Describe how you have been self-supporting: When did you start supporting yourself? Where do you work? Copies of your lease/rent agreement, Utility bills, Car insurance, or anything that helps identify you as self-supporting.

A **2026-2027** Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) completed with your information only.

2024 Federal tax return transcript.

Two signed, detailed letters from knowledgeable third parties (e.g., counselors, teachers, clergy, close relatives, social workers, etc.) who are aware of your family situation. Copies of appropriate court documents are acceptable for one reference.

Ref #1-Name: _____

Ref #2-Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

City & Zip: _____

City & Zip: _____

Job Title: _____

Job Title: _____

Relationship to you: _____

Relationship to you: _____

Certification and Signatures

Each person signing this form certifies that all of the information reported is complete and correct. The student whose information was reported on the FAFSA must sign and date.

WARNING: If you purposely give false or misleading information you may be fined, be sentenced to jail, or both.

I certify that the information provided in this petition is true and correct.

Signature _____

Date _____