



SMUSM

2016-2017
Non-Custodial Parent Waiver Petition

Under SMU's "shared investment" concept, we believe that the family unit- parents and student – have a responsibility to contribute toward educational expenses to the extent that they are reasonably able. Therefore, both biological parents must submit financial information in order to establish a student's eligibility for financial aid. By completing this form, you are petitioning that an exception be made regarding your noncustodial parent.

Please indicate the reason you are filing this petition:

1. ____ You have minimal or no contact with your noncustodial parent.
2. ____ The non-custodial parent refuses to complete their portion of the CSS/Profile

If you believe that you have other exceptional circumstances that warrant consideration of a waiver, you should explain them by completing this form. Please complete all questions, leaving no blanks. Answer with "unknown" if appropriate. Attach all requested documentation. A Financial Aid Committee will review your petition in order to determine if your circumstances warrant the exclusion of the noncustodial parent from the financial aid process. Please be aware that exceptions to our policy are never made solely on the basis of a parent's unwillingness to provide support.

Please return this form and all appropriate documentation to Southern Methodist University Division of Enrollment Services/ Financial Aid, P.O. Box 750181, Dallas, TX 75275-0181, Fax: 214-768-3878.

Student Information

Student's Name _____ SMU ID Number _____

Permanent Address _____

Email Address _____ Telephone Number _____

Parent Information

Parent's Name _____

Permanent Address _____

Telephone Number _____ Occupation _____

Marital Status of your biological/adoptive parents: ☐ Divorced ☐ Separated ☐ Never Married

If divorced or separated, indicate year of divorce or separation: _____

Has your noncustodial parent ever claimed you as a dependent on a federal tax return? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, indicate the most recent tax year that this occurred: _____

Has your non-custodial parent remarried? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, indicate the year that this occurred: _____

Does your noncustodial parent have other children? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, indicate how many? _____



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Frequency of Contact

Have you had contact with your noncustodial parent in the past year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, indicate the last time you had contact with him/her: _____

Child Support and Legal

Did your noncustodial parent pay child support in 2015? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, indicate the total amount he/she paid in 2015 for you: \$_____

For your siblings: \$_____

If no, indicate the last year child support was paid: _____

Are child support payments currently garnished (or have they ever been garnished) from your noncustodial parent's wages? ☐ Yes ☐ No (If yes, please include details in your attached statement.)

Are there any legal orders that limit your noncustodial parent's contact with you? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If there are legal orders, please attach documentation (i.e. restraining order, police report, or divorce decree).

Third Party

Attach a statement from a third party who can attest to the nature of your relationship with your noncustodial parent. Typically these letters come from counselors, clergy, or other professionals who have sufficient knowledge of the situation. The person writing the statement must include his/her name, phone number, and relationship to you. Family members may submit letters with additional information, but a letter from a family member will not satisfy the third-party documentation requirement.

Personal Account

Attach a statement from you and/or your custodial parent, including additional information that would help us better understand the circumstances that you believe make it necessary to waive the noncustodial parent's application requirements. Be sure to provide as much detail as possible. You should also attach any applicable documentation to support or expand upon your situation.

Certification

I certify that all the information provided on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Custodial Parent's Signature _____ Date _____