



Boston University Financial Assistance

Parent Information Requirement for Boston University Scholarship and Grant

Policy Summary

The availability of Boston University scholarship and grant funding is limited. Thus, student applicants who have living parents are required, by University policy, to submit parental income and asset information to be considered for Boston University funds. An applicant's eligibility for University financial aid is based on student and parent resources. This is the case even if you are not required to provide parental information on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Boston University is committed to assisting qualified students meet the cost of attendance. However, the primary responsibility for payment rests with the student and his/her parents.

Students are expected to utilize available family resources, student employment opportunities and to accept any student loans offered to them. Applicants for Boston University scholarships and grants are required to submit the following:

- CSS PROFILE
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid - FAFSA
- Complete signed copy of their most recently filed federal tax return and W-2s
- Complete signed copy of their parents' most recently filed federal tax return and W-2s

Students who believe that it is impossible to provide parental documentation may petition for a waiver of this requirement using the attached Waiver Request form. Please note that NONE of the conditions listed below, singly or in combination, constitute sufficient justification to approve a waiver request:

- Parents refuse to contribute to the student's education
- Parents are unwilling to provide information
- Parents do not claim the student as a dependent for income tax purposes
- Student demonstrates total self-sufficiency

The completed Waiver Request form and accompanying documentation should be submitted to:

Boston University Financial Assistance
881 Commonwealth Avenue, 5th Floor
Boston, Massachusetts 02215

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Waiver Request – 2011/2012

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Name _____	BU I.D. # _____
Permanent Address _____	
street	city

state	zip

e-mail _____	Telephone _____

WAIVER REQUEST

Please provide below a thorough explanation of exactly why it is impossible to provide parental information. Include a description of the history and current status of your relationship with each parent, and specify the frequency of your contact with each parent. Attach additional sheet(s) of paper if necessary.

Attach supporting documentation from at least two sources, such as legal/court documents or a letter from an attorney, clergy, mental health professional, teacher, guidance counselor, or other non-family member who is familiar with your circumstances and in a position to confirm your explanation of the situation. Be sure that the person writing on your behalf includes his/her name, address, phone number, and relationship to you (the student).

Waiver requests submitted without supporting documentation and/or third party corroboration will be reviewed, but tend to be less compelling and thus are less likely to be approved. Approval of a waiver request does NOT guarantee that Boston University grant will be offered, even if financial need is established.

I request an exemption from the Boston University policy that requires parental information for consideration for BU funds. An explanation of the circumstances is provided below. Relevant documentation is attached.

CERTIFICATION

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

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Please note: This form may also be used to petition for an exception to the FAFSA parent information requirement. A decision on your application for financial aid cannot be made until we receive either the required parents' information or additional information and documentation sufficient to form an adequate basis to waive the requirement.