

2020-2021 REQUESTING EXCLUSION OF STEPPARENT CONTRIBUTION

Dependent students must provide parental information to be considered for financial aid. To determine if you are classified as a dependent student for financial aid purposes, refer to the instructions on the financial aid application.

If you are dependent and your legal parents have separated or divorced, please refer to the financial aid application instructions to determine which parent to include when completing the financial aid application. Once you have determined which parent's information is required for the financial aid application, include your stepparent's information if your parent is now married. Stepparent information is required for the financial aid application. **Please note** that we cannot approve an adjustment to the expected family contribution solely on a stepparent's decision not to support your college education, a prenuptial agreement signed by your parent or unwillingness to provide the required information. However, if you believe that a contribution should not be computed from your stepparent and you can demonstrate that you and your stepparent have not been part of the same family unit, you may request an adjustment.

In your request, you must address each of the following items:

1. Explain why you believe a contribution should be calculated without a contribution from your stepparent's income and assets.
2. Tell us the date of marriage for your parent and stepparent, where you, your parent and stepparent have lived and the dates and names of schools you have attended during their marriage.
3. A statement listing members of your parent's household (including yourself), their ages, relationship to your parent and/or your stepparent and the name of the college that any member may be attending.
4. Also, provide a signed statement from your parent and/or stepparent explaining why a contribution should be calculated without a contribution from your stepparent's income or assets.

If your request is approved, you will also need to submit: (You may choose to submit this information with your request.)

- A signed copy of your parent and stepparent 2018 federal income tax return(s), and W-2(s) or other documentation which will allow us to separate the income from the tax return for your parent or stepparent.
- If only your stepparent had income for the 2018 tax year, please have your parent submit a signed statement listing support provided from your stepparent to your parent and to any of your parent's dependents. (Support may include housing, food or other living allowances; cash or any money paid on your parent's behalf.)
- A signed list of all your parent and stepparent's assets at the time of your application and information about the ownership/division of any assets which are not jointly held. The list of assets must include the value of cash, savings and checking accounts; the value and debt of real estate and investments; any business(es), and farm, unless the farm is the principal place of residence and your parent/stepparent materially participated in the farm's operation. Also, information about the ownership of any asset which is not jointly held. Please note that adjustments are reviewed on a case-by-case basis and must be requested annually.

Please see your campus financial aid website for contact information:

Bothell: uwb.edu/financialaid | Seattle: finaid.uw.edu | Tacoma: tacoma.uw.edu/finaid

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Student Name: _____ <i>(last)</i> <i>(first)</i> <i>(middle initial)</i>	
Last Four Digits of Student SSN: XXX - XX - _____	UW Student ID #: _____

As requested, I have attached:

- A statement stating why I believe the expected family contribution should be calculated without a contribution from my stepparent's income and assets.
- A statement listing the date of marriage between my parent and stepparent, where they have lived during their relationship, what schools I attended and where I have lived during this period.
- A statement listing each member of the household, including name, age, relationship to my parent or my stepparent, and dates and the names of any schools attended for the school year.
- A signed statement from your parent and/or stepparent explaining why student aid eligibility should be calculated without a contribution from my stepparent's income or assets.

If not already submitted, also attach the following:

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I certify the information provided on this form and its attachments are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.	
Student Name: _____	
Student Signature: _____	Date: _____
Parent Name: _____	
Parent Signature: _____	Date: _____
Stepparent Name: _____	
Stepparent Signature: _____	Date: _____

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