

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE PARENT WAIVER POLICY

Students applying for need-based institutional financial aid for the Medical Program are required to provide financial information from biological or adoptive parents on the CSS profile. The Office of Financial Aid recognizes that, in some cases, extenuating circumstances may prevent a student from obtaining the required parental information. Students who believe they qualify may request a Parent Information Waiver.

All waiver requests are evaluated individually and must include thorough documentation supporting the circumstances described. Submission of a Parent Waiver request does not guarantee approval.

Circumstances that May Warrant a Parent Information Waiver

- Documented history of physical or emotional abuse or neglect
- No contact with the parent for an extended period
- Legal restrictions limiting the parent's involvement (e.g., restraining order)
- Parental incarceration
- Verified inability to locate or communicate with a noncustodial parent
- Parent deceased (if not already indicated in the student's application)

Circumstances that Typically Do NOT Warrant a Waiver

- Student does not currently live with the parent(s)
- Student demonstrates financial independence
- Student is legally married
- Parent(s) refuse to provide financial information
- Parent(s) refuse to contribute to educational costs
- Parent(s) do not claim the student as a dependent on tax returns

Parent Waiver Request Requirements

Please submit all documentation via our [secure upload tool](#)

- Student Personal Statement
 - Signed letter describing the circumstances leading to the waiver request
 - Explanation of the current relationship with the parent(s)
 - Parent(s)' location and relevant history
- Third-Party/Professional Documentation
 - Statement on official letterhead validating the circumstances (Examples: attorney, counselor, clergy, teacher, school official)
- Legal or Additional Supporting Documents
 - Court orders, restraining orders, police reports, divorce decrees, incarceration records
 - Any additional relevant official documentation

Documentation is essential. Please provide detailed, factual, and date-specific information to support your request. Incomplete or insufficient documentation may result in denial.

Processing Timeline

Parent Waiver requests are typically reviewed within 7–10 business days after all required documents have been submitted.