

# Baylor School

Noncustodial Parent Waiver

Petition

2025-2026 Academic Year

A major assumption of Baylor's financial aid program is that parents have an obligation to finance their children's education to the extent they are able. This assumption lines up with the methodology and principles of the National Association of Independent Schools and School and Clarity Financial. The Financial Aid Committee will consider the financial resources of both biological parents, if living, before making an award. The Committee does not feel bound by the assertion, if it is made, that one parent is not legally responsible for educational expenses. If either natural parent remarries, we shall bear in mind the obligations of that parent to his or her new family. If the parent with custody remarries, we shall consider the resources of the stepparent. However, we shall bear in mind the obligations of the stepparent to his or her natural children.

It is possible, however, for Baylor to waive the noncustodial requirement in certain situations. The conditions under which we may consider waiving the noncustodial requirement are usually: 1. The noncustodial parent's whereabouts are unknown, 2. The noncustodial parent has no contact, and has not had any contact, with the applicant over a period of years, 3. The noncustodial parent provides no financial support to the student.

This is a petition requesting that Baylor waive the noncustodial parent requirement regarding the submission of financial aid application forms. Upon receipt of this petition, along with the requested documentation, Baylor's Financial Aid Committee will review and respond to the request. Please complete the entire form, answering all questions and submitting all requested documentation. Only complete petitions will be reviewed.

A separate file will be maintained by the school so please forward all information (completed copy of this form along with accompanying documents) to:

Bill Murdock

Director of Financial Aid

Baylor School

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**A: CONTACT INFORMATION**

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

Custodial Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**B: THIRD PARTY DOCUMENTATION**

Please attach a letter from a legal, spiritual, or psychological counselor who can describe and verify the relationship of the student and the noncustodial parent. The person writing the statement must include his/her name, contact information (address, phone number, email), relationship to the student, and the number of years s/he has known the student and in what capacity.

**C: CUSTODIAL PARENT PERSONAL ACCOUNT**

Please provide a statement below providing additional information that will help the Financial Aid Committee understand the circumstances that make it necessary to waive the noncustodial requirement. Please provide as much detail as possible, in space provided, and include any applicable documentation.

**D: NONCUSTODIAL PARENT CONTACT INFORMATION (IF KNOWN)**

Noncustodial Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

1. Marital Status of applicant's natural/adoptive parents  Divorced  Separated  Never Married
2. If divorced or separated, indicate year of divorce/separation \_\_\_\_\_
3. Has the noncustodial parent ever claimed the applicant on a federal income tax return? \_\_\_\_\_
4. If you answered yes above, was this a condition of a divorce decree? \_\_\_\_\_
5. If you answered yes above, please indicate the most recent tax year this occurred \_\_\_\_\_
6. Has the noncustodial parent remarried? \_\_\_\_ If yes, year of remarriage \_\_\_\_\_
7. Does the noncustodial parent have other children? \_\_\_\_ If yes, how many? \_\_\_\_\_

**E: FREQUENCY OF CONTACT**

1. Has the applicant had contact with his/her noncustodial parent in the past year? \_\_\_\_\_
2. If you answered yes above, please describe the nature of the contact \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. If you answered no above, please indicate when the applicant last had contact with him/her \_\_\_\_\_

**F: CHILD SUPPORT AND LEGAL ORDERS**

1. Did the noncustodial parent pay child support this year? \_\_\_\_\_
2. If you answered yes above, please indicate the total amount of child support paid this year for the applicant \$ \_\_\_\_\_ For the applicant's siblings (if any) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

3. Please indicate type of child support paid  Voluntary  Court Ordered  Garnished from wages
4. Are there any legal orders that limit the noncustodial parent's contact with the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_
5. If there are legal orders (i.e., restraining order, police report or divorce decree), please include this documentation.

**G: CERTIFICATION**

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

Custodial Parent \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_