

2023-2024 Dependency Status Appeal Form

Student ID Number _____ Email: _____

Student's Full Legal Name: _____
(Please print clearly) Last First Middle

First Dependency Appeal OR Yearly Update

Federal student aid guidelines consider undergraduate students dependent on their parents until age 24, and financial aid eligibility is calculated using parent financial information. However, a student may have unusual circumstances that require consideration for independent status.

Allowable reasons include such situations as abuse, abandonment, or irreconcilable differences within the family. These reasons are not a basis for an appeal: student is self-supporting, parent refuses to pay for college, parent no longer claims the student on their taxes. Please allow two weeks for appeal processing.

First Dependency Appeal-the following items are required for the appeal:

1. A **signed, detailed** letter from you, the student, explaining
 - a. the **unusual** circumstances,
 - b. your relationship with your **biological** parents,
 - c. explanation of where you expect to receive your financial support for the next school year.
2. A **separate** letter from an independent 3rd party source (ex. counselor, medical authority, clergy, court, government agency) who can attest first-hand to your circumstances. This letter must include as much detail about the situation as possible.
3. If you cannot provide a letter from an independent source, please explain why in your appeal letter. You may then submit a signed letter from another source in its place.

Yearly update-* Send this form and a NEW signed and dated personal statement attesting to your current relationship with both biological parents, where you live during school breaks, how you are financially supported, and the circumstances on which you sought independent status.

If I purposely give false or misleading information, I may receive a fine, a prison sentence, or both. By signing this form, I certify that all information is complete and correct.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Electronic signature is not allowed

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