



## Request for Independent Status Consideration

This application is to request a review of your FAFSA dependency determination.

Federal Financial Aid Regulations place the responsibility for meeting educational needs upon the parent; however, in unusual cases, a student may be able to provide sufficient documentation to be considered "Independent."

A written appeal, including supporting documentation, may be submitted to the Financial Aid Office anytime. In addition to your appeal, you must submit this form, and required Financial Information via either the IRS Data Retrieval Tool, or your IRS Tax Return Transcripts.

Please put your student ID number on **all** forms submitted to the Financial Aid Office.

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Student ID Number

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Print Last Name

First

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Print Street Address

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Print City

State

Zip

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Telephone Number

The following reasons, individually or in combination, are **not** grounds for consideration:

- 1) Parent refuses to contribute to the student's education
- 2) Parent is unwilling to provide documentation for the FAFSA or verification process
- 3) Parent does not claim student on tax return
- 4) Student demonstrates total self-support

In your written appeal, you must address the following:

- 1) Describe the last time you had contact with each of your parents—when, where, under what conditions
- 2) Provide the current location of **both** your parents
- 3) Explain what unusual circumstance you believe makes you independent for FAFSA purposes
- 4) Describe how you are currently supported (a) how do you provide support for yourself (b) are others responsible for your support, if so, who (c) when did this current arrangement of support begin

In addition to your written appeal, you must provide the following:

- 5) Letters of support from **two responsible adults** who are aware of your situation. **At least one** letter must be on letterhead from a guidance counselor, physician, teacher, social worker, case worker, clergy person or other person directly involved with you in a professional capacity. All letters must be signed, dated and include contact information (phone, email, etc) for follow up consultation.
- 6) Legal documents, lease agreements and/or utilities in your name, court records, police reports, death certificate or other official correspondence that supports your request may be substituted for **one** of the requirements mentioned in 5) above.

Family Member Name (Including yourself)	Relationship	Age	College (if attending at least half-time)
	SELF		

Submit this signed document, your written appeal and all required documentation to the Financial Aid Office.

**The decision of the Financial Aid Office is final and cannot be appealed to the U.S. Department of Education.**

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I swear under penalty of perjury that all of the information contained in this application is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that providing false or misleading information in an attempt to obtain federal financial aid can result in a fine of up to \$10,000 and/or incarceration. **I understand that failure to provide the required documentation will result in denial of this application.**

**Student's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_