Appeals to Dependency Status

An appeal may be warranted to your dependency status if an unusual, mitigating circumstance exists between you and your parent(s). This cannot be based on whether your parents want to complete the form or want to provide you with the help to pay for College expenses. It must be based on an unusual situation. Some reasons for an appeal to your dependency status are listed below:

1. Your parent(s) are incarcerated.
2. Your parent(s) live in a war-torn country and you are unable to communicate/correspond with them.
3. Your parent(s) is/are mentally incapacitated.
4. You are estranged from your parent because of an abusive situation that can be documented.
5. Other mitigating circumstance as documented by the applicant.

DEPENDENCY OVERRIDE DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED

1. Student’s _______ 1040/1040A/1040EZ Tax Return Transcript
2. Student’s Parents _______ 1040/1040A/1040EZ Tax Return Transcript (if filed)
3. Completed Dependency Override Application (attached)
4. Student’s written explanation of unusual circumstances

* Please attach all documents to the Dependency Override Application
There are federal requirements that a student must meet to qualify for financial aid as an independent student. If you do not meet one of the criteria, you will be evaluated as a dependent student, meaning that your parents must provide income and asset information. There are circumstances that may warrant re-evaluation of your status. Providing the following information will permit the financial aid administrator to make this determination.

1. a. In 2020 did you live in your parents’ home or in a residence owned by your parents? ___yes ___no
   b. In 2021 did you live in your parents’ home or in a residence owned by your parents? ___yes ___no

2. a. Did your parents claim you as a dependent on their 2020 federal tax return? ___yes ___no
   b. Will your parents claim you as a dependent on their 2021 federal tax return? ___yes ___no

3. What is the amount of financial support you receive from your parents? __________________________

4. What other support do you receive from your parents (example: health insurance, room and board while living at home)? ____________________________________________________________

   Please identify type and approximate value. ________________________________________________

5. If your parents are unwilling to provide their financial information to complete your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), please explain why.

   __________________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________

6. Please indicate the amount and the source (example: wages, monetary gifts from persons other than your parents, interest income) of your annual income for 2020 and 2021.

   2020 $__________________________
   2021 $__________________________

7. Please complete the following statement of your annual calendar year expenses:

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8. Parent Certification:

I (We) did not claim this child as an exemption on our 2020 or 2021 federal income tax return and will not provide substantial financial support for him/her during the 2022-2023 school year.

I (We) affirm that the information on both sides of this form is correct. I (We) certify that the Financial Aid Office will be notified if circumstances change.

________________________________________   _______________________
Father’s Signature   Date

________________________________________   _______________________
Mother’s Signature   Date

Student’s Signature   Date

Written explanation of unusual, mitigating circumstance that exists between you and your parents:

_____________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________

Person(s) other than immediate family who can verify your status as independent of parental support.
Such as a counselor, social worker, doctor, clergy member, etc:

Name           _______________________________   Name           _______________________________
Phone           _______________________________   Phone           _______________________________

After you have completed this form and have gathered all required documentation, you may call the Financial Aid Office at (276)-739-2411 and schedule an appointment to discuss your application for Dependency Status Review.

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Approval   _______________________________   Date   _______________________

Denial     _______________________________   Date   _______________________

Comments: