



DEPENDENCY STATUS APPEAL FORM

A Financial Aid Administrator may authorize Dependency Status Override only if a student THOROUGHLY DOCUMENTS EXTREME FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCES. This determination must be reviewed every year. Extreme circumstance includes violent and/or abusive parental behavior and incarceration of parent.

EXTREME CIRCUMSTANCES DO NOT include:

- 1. The student does not reside with the parent(s);
2. The parent(s) live in another country.
3. The student and parent "do not get along";
4. The parent does not claim the student as a tax exemption;
5. The parent does not support the student or believe it is a parental responsibility to pay for college;
6. The parent and/or step-parent are unable and/or unwilling to provide information/sign the FAFSA and/or to assist in paying for college.

If you are requesting a Dependency Status Override based on one of the above-stated reasons, you are a dependent student and should not complete this form. If you believe your situation qualifies as an EXTREME CIRCUMSTANCE WHICH YOU CAN DOCUMENT, you may complete the bottom portion of this form and submit it.

Name: _____ ID: _____ Phone Number: _____

All (A - D) of the following documentation is required.

A. A signed written statement from the student providing a detailed explanation of the extreme circumstances. A letter from a friend or relative who is familiar with the situation should accompany the student's letter.

B. Police reports, court orders, records of court proceedings, restraining orders, detailed letters from doctors, counselors, teachers and/or appropriate persons (respected officials of the "community"), etc., confirming the specifics identified in the student's statement. These dated signed letters must be on letterhead and include the title of the author.

C. A signed copy of your Federal Tax Return Transcript (include W2s);

If you did not file a Tax Return, you will need to provide a non filers tax transcript from the IRS with an explanation of how you supported yourself during the previous calendar year. Submit your W2 forms if you worked in previous year but did not file a tax return;

D. Report all other sources of income received in previous year that were not listed on your Federal Tax Return Transcript. Indicate the amount and the source of such income/support, including financial gifts from relatives/friends, interest income, general assistance, Social Security, Welfare, etc.

Amount \$ _____ Source: _____

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I certify that all of the information provided on this form and all of the accompanying documentation is accurate and thorough. I understand that if I have not submitted all of the required documentation (A - D), my request cannot be reviewed or processed.

(Student's Signature)

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY Appeal has been: [] approved [] tabled (see below) [] not approved

Approved by: _____