



**2019-2020 Appeal for
Independent Status**

Return this form to:
Mail: HCC Financial Aid
 606 West Main
 Highland KS, 66035
Email: financialaid@highlandcc.edu
Fax: 785-442-6106

Last Name	First Name	MI	Student ID
Date of Birth	Telephone Number	E-Mail Address	

Please be aware that submitting an appeal does not guarantee an adjustment will be made.

This form is used to explain a situation that you think we should change your FAFSA to only look at your information and not your parents. This appeal is required each year until you become an independent student normally. **You must provide documents that support your statement.** Appeals without documents will not be reviewed. Acceptable documentation includes court documents, letters written by someone you know in a professional role or other documents that help explain your situation. Documentation needs to be as detailed as possible.

Unusual circumstances may include, but are not limited to:

- Abuse by parents or other family members living within the home.
- Abandonment by parents whether voluntary or involuntary.
- Entering the United States as a refugee without parents and limited or no access to parents.

Unusual circumstances **do not** include:

- Parents' refusal to contribute toward your education.
- Parents' unwillingness to provide income information needed to apply for aid.
- Claiming yourself on your taxes.
- Living on your own and paying your own expenses.
- Student divorce.

Step 1—Personal Information

I have been living on my own since _____

I have provided for myself by _____

Step 2—Parental Information

My mother's current location is: _____

Date: _____ Location: _____

Reason for Contact: _____

My father's current location is: _____

Date: _____ Location: _____

Reason for Contact: _____

Step 3—Attach a detailed, typed explanation of unusual circumstances—be *specific* in your explanation. Include current information in your statement if you had an appeal approved in a previous year. All information provided is treated confidentially.

Step 4—Documentation

I have attached statements from two adults (preferable a case worker, counselor, religious leader, grandparent, aunt, uncle, etc.) They are:

1. Name _____ Relationship to student _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____
2. Name _____ Relationship to student _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

I have also attached the following documentation to support my request:

- Legal Documentation
- Police Report
- Report or letter from the Division of Child and Family Services
- Letter from the agency that sponsored me into the United States of America stating I entered the country as an unaccompanied minor
- Copies of my most recent Federal Income Tax Forms
- Copy of my rental/lease agreement
- Other _____

Step 5—Certification

I certify that all of the information in this request is true and accurate. Typed signatures will not be accepted.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Appeals are reviewed weekly with a few exception. Appeals submitted by Friday at 4 will be reviewed the following Wednesday. Students will be notified via their MyHCC email account.