



2021-2022 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

Form fields for Last Name, First Name, MI, Student ID, Date of Birth, Telephone Number, and 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.

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 No Contact:

My father's current location is:

Date: Location:

Reason for No 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.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

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