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2023-2024 Appeal for Independent Status

Student Information

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 you think warrants a change to your FAFSA to look at only 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 of last contact: _____

Reason for no contact: _____

My father's current location is: _____

Date of last contact: _____

Reason for no contact: _____

Step 3—Attach a detailed, typed explanation of unusual circumstances—be *specific*. If you had an appeal approved in a previous year, include current information in this statement. All information provided is confidential.

Step 4—Documentation

I have attached statements from two adults (preferably 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 _____

Check mark the documentation you are attaching to support your 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 all of the information in this request is true and accurate.

Student Signature _____ Date _____
Signature must be handwritten; digital signatures not accepted.

Warning: If you purposely give false or misleading information on this form, you may be fined, sentenced to jail or both.