

# DEPENDANCY OVERRIDE APPEAL (NEW): 2021-2022 AWARD YEAR

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First Name MI Last Name

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Street Address Social Security Number

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City State Zip Code Telephone Number

To be considered an independent student, you must answer all questions and provide appropriate documentation to substantiate your mitigating circumstances. **Appeals submitted without required documentation cannot be considered.**

Please be advised that unless it is determined that there are mitigating circumstances beyond your control that make it impossible or unreasonable for you to provide parental information on your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), your appeal will not be approved. The following are **not** considered acceptable reasons to appeal:

- ▶ A student or parent choice that you live outside of your parent(s)' home
- ▶ Parent unwillingness to provide information or student unwillingness to seek parental information
- ▶ Being financially self-supporting
- ▶ Not being claimed as a tax dependent for IRS purposes

1. Explain why it is impossible or unreasonable to obtain your parent's information. If you no longer have contact with your parents, explain your situation. If necessary, you may attach a separate sheet of paper identified with your name and social security number.

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2. Attach statements from two responsible adults who are aware of your situation and can verify the facts you present. Examples of such persons would include clergy, caseworkers, sponsors, guardians, court officials, teachers, counselors, and police officers. A statement from a relative or friend is generally **not** acceptable. Please request that these supportive statements include a contact telephone number in case we need additional information about your situation.

3. Describe how you have been self-supporting. You may attach a separate sheet of paper.

- ▶ When did you first meet your living expenses without parental help?
- ▶ List all income and resources for 2020. You may be asked to provide documentation of all income. You may be asked to provide copies of your 2019 and/or 2020 tax return(s), 2019 and/or 2020 W-2 forms, statements or agency benefits verification.

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4. When did you last live with either parent? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Provide the following parental information:

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Father's name

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Mother's name

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Street address

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Street address

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City                    State                    Zip code

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City                    State                    Zip code

6. If you have not yet filed your 2021-2022 FAFSA, you should file it online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) at your earliest convenience. When asked about providing parental information, you can bypass that section of the application. If your appeal is **not** approved, you will be required to update your FAFSA with parental information.
7. If approved, this appeal is valid for one academic year. You must appeal each year. You will receive a written notification of approval or denial for your request.
8. I certify that the information provided for this appeal is true and correct.
9. I understand that the decided outcome of my petition is final and cannot be appealed.

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Student Signature

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Date