

Financial Aid

2025 – 2026 Unusual Circumstance – Dependency Petition Renewal

Financial aid regulations assume that families have the primary responsibility for meeting the educational cost of students. If you are considered a dependent student according to the financial aid definition, your aid eligibility is determined by using parent income and asset information in addition to your information. Dependent students are therefore required to provide parental information on their aid application in order to be considered for financial aid. Occasionally a student may not be able to obtain parental information due exceptional circumstances, including abandonment, a history of abuse, parent incarceration, and other unusual circumstances. Submit this petition in order to have the Financial Aid Office review and determine your independent student status.

A. Student’s Information

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Student ID Number (10 Digits)
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B. Unusual Circumstance

On a separate piece of paper, please submit a signed statement which addresses each of the following:

- Please include the full names and the last time you lived with and/or had contact with each of your parents. Please detail when, where and the nature of the contact. Include information for both parents regardless of their marital status.
- Explain your current circumstance. Please detail anything that may have changed, or remained the same, since you submitted a Dependency Petition in a prior aid year.

C. Certification and Signature

I certify that all of the information reported on this petition is true and complete. I also agree to provide additional supporting documentation if requested.

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

Student’s Signature _____ Date _____

Office use only: Approved PJ based on unusual circumstances Denied

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Staff Signature: _____ Date: _____