

Financial Aid

2025 – 2026 Unusual Circumstance – Youth At Risk of Homelessness Petition

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 to homelessness or being at risk of homelessness, and can request that the Financial Aid Office determine their independent student status based on these circumstances.

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:

- Describe the last time you lived with and/or had contact with your parent(s). Include the date, location and nature of the interaction.
- Explain the circumstances of your housing insecurity.
- If you are "couch hopping" or have temporary housing, please include the following information in your statement:
 - Name, address, phone number, and email address of the person you are living with and their relationship to you.
 - In the case of shelters, list the name, address, phone number and email address of the shelter contact(s).
- At-Risk of Homelessness:** If you are not homeless, but are at risk of homelessness, you will need to explain how you are "self-supporting".
- Provide additional supporting documentation such as court documents, police reports, proof of abandonment or abuse by parents, or a certificate of death.

The following situations are NOT considered exceptional or unusual circumstances: Your parents did not claim you as an exemption; you supported yourself; you disagree with the living arrangements secured by your parent(s), you or your parents are unwilling to pay for educational expenses; it is difficult to acquire their information. Unfortunately, petitions citing these circumstances cannot be taken into consideration.

* We strongly recommend that this request be received by the Financial Aid Office no less than 2 weeks before your last day of class for the term you are enrolled. Requests received on your last day of class or incomplete may not be reviewed. The law does not permit aid offices to process any requests submitted after your classes end for the term. Please note: your last day of class may be earlier than the posted end of term.

C. Certification and Signature

I certify that all of the information reported on this petition is true and complete.

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:

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Approved PJ based on unusual circumstances

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Denied

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Staff Signature: _____

Date: _____