



2013-2014 DEPENDENCY STATUS APPEAL FORM

Federal regulations require students, who cannot answer "yes" to one of the questions in Step Three of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), to provide the biological/adoptive parents' information and signature when completing the FAFSA. Such students are "DEPENDENT" for Financial Aid purposes. A Financial Aid Administrator may authorize a Dependency Status Override only if a student THOROUGHLY DOCUMENTS EXTREME FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCES SUCH AS INCARCERATION OF PARENT OR VIOLENT ABUSIVE PARENTAL BEHAVIOR. This determination must be reviewed every year. Students seeking a dependency override MUST request a special appointment with a Financial Aid Administrator.

EXTREME FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCES DO NOT include:

- 1. The student does not reside with the parent(s);
2. The parent(s) live in another country;
3. The student and parent "do not get along";
4. The parent does not claim the student as a tax exemption;
5. The parent does not support the student or believe it is a parental responsibility to pay for college;
6. The parent and/or step-parent are unable and/or unwilling to provide information, to sign the FAFSA, and/or to assist in paying for college.

If you are requesting a Dependency Status Override based on one of the six above-stated reasons, you are a dependent student and should not complete this form. If you believe your situation qualifies as an EXTREME CIRCUMSTANCE, WHICH YOU CAN DOCUMENT, you may complete the bottom portion of this form. Bring this completed form, along with ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION (listed in A - D below) TO YOUR SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT WITH A FINANCIAL AID ADMINSTRATOR.

Student's Name: Banner ID:855

Telephone Number

Letters A - D (below) specify the documentation is REQUIRED!

- A. A signed statement from the student providing a detailed explanation of the extreme circumstances. A letter from a friend or relative who is familiar with the situation may accompany the student's letter.
B. Police reports, court orders, records of court proceedings, restraining orders, detailed letters from doctors, lawyers, counselors, teachers and/or respected officials of the "community", etc., confirming the specifics identified in the student's statement. These dated signed letters must be on letterhead and include the profession of the author. This is considered official third party/objective documentation.
C. A signed copy of your 2012 Federal Tax Return (include all pages, schedules, and W2s); If you are not required to file a 2012 Federal Income Tax Return and do not plan to file one, explain how you were supported during the 2012 calendar year (attach additional pages if necessary). Submit a copy of all your W2 forms if you worked in 2012.
D. Report all other sources of income received in 2012 that were not listed on your 2012 Federal Income Tax Return. Indicate the amount and the source of such income/support, including financial gifts from relatives/friends, interest income, general assistance, Social Security, SSI, Welfare, etc.
a. Amount \$ Source:
b. Amount \$ Source:

I certify that all of the information provided on this form and all of the accompanying documentation is accurate and thorough. I understand that if I have not submitted all of the required documentation (A - D), my request cannot be reviewed or processed.

Student's Signature: Date:

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY** Appeal has been:  approved  tabled (see below)  not approved

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

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