



FINANCIAL AID OFFICE
2022-2023 Dependency Appeal Form

STUDENT NAME _____

STUDENT NUMBER _____

The outcome of your appeal will be sent to your EWC email account.

Independent students **MUST** be able to answer “yes” to at least one of the following:

1. 24 years of age by January 1, 1998
2. Have been admitted to a graduate degree program.
3. Are married as of the date the FAFSA was filed.
4. Have children receiving more than half of their support from the student.
5. Have legal dependents (other than spouse or children) receiving more than half of their support from the student.
6. Orphaned or ward of the court or in legal guardianship.*
7. Adopted or in foster care at the age of 13 years or above.
8. Veteran or active duty service person in the US Armed Forces.

*Legal guardianship for the purposes of financial aid independent student status does NOT include involuntary or court ordered placement to juvenile facilities.

Students may have situations that warrant the intervention of the financial aid officer in determining their dependency status. You have the right to appeal your dependency status if you believe you have a unique circumstance. Unique circumstances generally include, but are not limited to, third-party documentation of parental abuse, neglect or abandonment. Unique circumstances do **NOT** include:

- Involuntary/court ordered placement in a juvenile facility.
- Your parents’ inability, unwillingness, or refusal to assist with your college expenses.
- Your parents no longer claiming you on their tax return.
- You no longer live with your parents.
- You want to pay for your education without assistance from your parents.

ALL of the following must be submitted for appeal of your dependency status. PLEASE ALLOW 2-4 WEEKS TO REVIEW.

- 2022-2023 (Check if completed.) If you have not already done so, please file your FAFSA at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa> to the best of your ability.
- Completed 2022-2023 Dependency Appeal Form
- Letter explaining unique circumstances.
- Complete the following statement: I am currently living with _____.
- Student 2020 IRS Federal Income Tax Return transcript OR signed copy of your 2020 IRS 1040.
- Student sources of income. Check all that apply and attach statements.
 - Social Security benefits
 - Welfare
 - Employment (2020 W2s)
 - Full-time student living off financial aid.
 - Other _____ (attach proof)
- At least two (2) pieces of third-party documentation of unique circumstance on official letter-head (check all that apply)
 - Legal guardian
 - Case-worker
 - Clergy
 - School Counselor
 - Court Documents
 - Therapist
 - Physician
 - Other _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____