



NORTH GREENVILLE UNIVERSITY

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2017-18 Dependency Appeal

Student's Name

Student's SSN

For Federal Aid Program purposes, students are classified as dependent based on the concept that a student's parents have the primary responsibility of providing for the student's post-secondary education.

The U.S. Department of Education has defined a student as independent, if any of the following are true:

- You were born before January 1, 1994.
- You are married, as of today (or separated but not divorced.)
- You will be working on a master's or doctorate program (such as an M.A., M.B.A., M.D., J.D., Ph.D., Ed.D., graduate certificate, etc. . . at the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year.)
- You are currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training.
- You are a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces.
- You have or will you have children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018.
- You have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2018.
- You were in foster care (even if you aren't now), dependent or ward of the court (even if you aren't now), or were both of your parents deceased (even if you have been adopted), at any time since you turned age 13.
- You are an emancipated minor as determined by a court in your state of legal residence.
- You are in legal guardianship with someone other than your parent or stepparent, as determined by a court in your state of legal residence.
- You were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless determined by your high school or school district homeless liaison at any time on or after July 1, 2016.
- You were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless determined by the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development determine at any time on or after July 1, 2016.
- You were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless determined by a director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program determine that at any time on or after July 1, 2016.

Note: You do not need to complete this form if one or more of the ABOVE conditions apply to you.

The Higher Education Act allows a Financial Aid administrator to consider a dependency appeal on a case by case basis for students with unusual circumstances; however, none of the conditions listed below, singularly or in combination, qualify as unusual circumstances or warrant a dependency override.

- Parents refuse to contribute to the student's education
- Parents unwillingness to provide information on the FAFSA or for verification
- Parents do not claim the student as an exemption on their income tax return
- Student demonstrates self-sufficiency
- Student does not reside with parents
- Parents reside in another state

Dependency Appeals submitted without required documentation will not be processed.

Please see next page.

Submit The Required Documentation For A Dependency Appeal:

- 1 A letter of explanation from the student detailing why you should be considered an independent student.** PLEASE EXPLAIN IN DETAIL; and
- 2 A signed statement from a third party having firsthand knowledge of the circumstances.** This should include a statement on agency letterhead from any of the following: social workers, school officials, medical professionals, church officials, counselors, or others in positions of authority that are familiar with your situation. This could also include personal references.

By my signature, I attest that all of the information on this Dependency Appeal is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if I purposely give false or misleading information on this form, I may be subject to \$20,000 fine, a prison sentence, or both.

Student's Signature

Date

Please Check Mark The One Circumstance Below Which Best Reflects Your Situation:

- Unusual circumstances exist within your family that prevent you from obtaining your parent's financial information, such as:
- Incarceration of the custodial parent
 - Abandonment by both parents
 - History of illegal drug abuse within the household
 - Abusive home situation which is detrimental to your physical or mental well-being

Documentation Required In Addition To Those Listed Above:

Copies of any court documents relevant to your situation.

- Death of a parent after filing the FAFSA and severe circumstances exist with the surviving parent.
- One parent is deceased and an abusive situation exists with the custodial parent
 - One parent is deceased and the whereabouts of the other parent is unknown

Documentation Required In Addition To Those Listed Above:

A copy of the death certificate, newspaper obituary, or funeral service program.

Please return this form and required documentation to the Financial Aid Office.