

**2017-2018 Independent Status Appeal**

Many students feel they are independent because they are currently living on their own and/or because their parent(s) no longer contribute to their support. **However, the Department of Education requires parent information except under the following conditions:**

- Student is 24 years of age or older – born before January 1, 1993;
- Student is a documented orphan or ward of the court;
- Student is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States;
- Student is an active member of the United States Armed Forces or currently serving on active duty for purposes other than training;
- Student is working on a Master’s or Doctorate program during the academic year 2017-2018;
- Student is married on the day the FAFSA is initially completed;
- Student has legal dependents other than a spouse; OR
- Student is someone for whom a financial aid administrator makes a documented determination of independence by reason of extenuating family circumstances.

**Note: The Department of Education issued guidelines to clarify conditions under which financial aid administrators may appropriately consider dependency overrides. They do not include:**

1. Parents refusing to contribute to student’s education;
2. Parents unwilling to provide information on the application or for verification;
3. Parents not claiming the students as a dependent for income tax purposes;
4. Student demonstrating total self-sufficiency.

**TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A REVIEW**

1. Read Section I carefully and collect appropriate documentation.
2. Complete Sections II and III. **If none of the circumstances in Section I apply to your situation, do not complete this form.**
3. Complete the certification statement below.
4. Submit the FAFSA, with all the student information completed.
5. Return the required information and documentation to the Financial Aid Office by the priority deadline shown below. You will receive a written response before the upcoming quarter begins.

**Priority Deadline**

Summer Quarter 2016-17	April 12, 2017
Fall quarter 2017-18	July 17, 2017
Winter Quarter 2017-18	November 20, 2017
Spring Quarter 2017-18	January 22, 2018

**Certifications and Signature**

**I certify that the information provided by me, or any other person, is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If requested, I agree to provide documentation for any information that I have submitted. I understand that purposely giving false or misleading information may subject me to fines, penalties, and/or termination of financial aid.**

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Student ID Number

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Student Name

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Student Signature

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Date

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Phone Number

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