

**Office of Student Financial Aid**

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Dependency Status Appeal Form 2015-2016

DPOVR

Name _____ SSN or SID _____
(Print: Last, First, Middle)
Street Address _____ City/State/Zip _____
Home phone _____ Work phone _____ Email _____

This form allows you to request special consideration of your student status for financial aid purposes for 2015-2016. Although you do not meet the requirements to be considered independent, you believe your particular family circumstances warrant further evaluation. Meeting at least one of the categories is the minimum to request review.

Steps in the appeal process:

- Obtain the 2015-2016 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and complete the student but not parent items. Do not mail.
- Meet with your assigned counselor during advising hours (Monday through Thursday, 9:30 to 11:30 am and 1:30 to 3:30 pm) and bring the following:
 - Completed Dependency Status Appeal Form and appropriate required documentation attached to this form;
 - Completed FAFSA (if this is your first 2015-2016 form) or your latest Student Aid Report (SAR).
- Your assigned counselor will evaluate your appeal and documentation and, if approved, will authorize the changes electronically.
- If you do not meet the criteria in at least one of the categories, you will be evaluated as a dependent student, and your parents must provide income and asset information when completing the FAFSA.

Category (check one)	Documentation Required
<input type="checkbox"/> Estrangement - first appeal	Statement describing your family history along with two statements (on letterhead) from third parties, such as clergy, educator, physician, social worker, police report, etc., who know and are willing to substantiate in writing the nature of your circumstances.
<input type="checkbox"/> Estrangement – prior SU approval to apply as an independent on basis of estrangement	Statement explaining that extraordinary circumstances have continued.
<input type="checkbox"/> Legally emancipated	Proof of court documentation.
<input type="checkbox"/> Previously had legal guardian	Proof of court appointed guardianship and a written statement of your family history. If not a court appointed guardianship, provide the documentation requested for <i>Estrangement-first appeal</i> above.
<input type="checkbox"/> Previously married and now divorced or widowed	Statement explaining why you believe you should be considered independent and a copy of the divorce decree or death certificate.

Certification Statement: Student Signature Required

I certify that this information is true and complete. If I cannot provide the appropriate, required documentation to support an independent status, I understand that I will be evaluated as a dependent student with my parents providing income and asset information when completing the FAFSA. I also understand that if I choose to leave the documents without seeing a financial aid advisor during advising hours, I could experience a delay.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

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WARNING: If you purposely give false or misleading information on the worksheet, you may be fined, be sentenced to jail, or both.

SFA USE ONLY – Do Not Write In Spaces Below

I. Advisor Worksheet

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 2014 txst | From FAFSA/SAR, verify: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2014 txpt: <input type="checkbox"/> mother <input type="checkbox"/> father | <input type="checkbox"/> HHS _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> lease/rental agreement | <input type="checkbox"/> # in college _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> divorce decree <input type="checkbox"/> death certificate | <input type="checkbox"/> 2014 AGI & taxes paid: parent _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> statement explaining independency request | student _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> family history letters from: <input type="checkbox"/> student <input type="checkbox"/> 3 rd party #1 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 rd party #2 | |

Evaluated and ☐ approved ☐ denied by _____ on _____
Advisor's signature date

☐ approved ☐ denied by _____ on _____
Director's signature date

Comments:

II. DPOVR pending receipt of the following:

- ☐ 2014 tax transcript of: ☐ student ☐ mother ☐ father
- ☐ statement explaining independency request
- ☐ lease _____

Comments: _____

- ☐ family history letters from: ☐ student ☐ 3rd party #1 ☐ 3rd party #2
- ☐ requested documentation received on ☐ ____/____/____ & ☐ ____/____/____ & ☐ ____/____/____

Evaluated and Recommended for ☐ approval ☐ denial by _____ on _____
advisor's signature date

SIS/Referral

Referred to: ☐ QA for EDE on (date) _____ **OR**
(forward all SAR updates to QA for EDE)

☐ FAFSA mailed on (date) _____
(copy original FAFSA and attach to DPOVR for filing)