



## 2026-2027 PROVISIONAL INDEPENDENT STUDENT APPEAL

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Federal Student Aid guidelines consider undergraduate students dependent on their parents until the age of 24, and financial aid eligibility is calculated using parental information. However, a student may have unusual circumstances that require consideration for independent status.

Allowable reasons include such situations as abuse, abandonment, or irreconcilable differences within the family. These reasons are not a basis for an appeal: student is self-supporting, parent refuses to pay for college, parent no longer claims the student on their taxes.

The following documentation is required to be submitted along with this appeal:

1. A **signed, detailed** letter from you, the student explaining
  - a. the unusual circumstances,
  - b. your relationship with your biological parents,
  - c. explanation of where you expect to receive your financial support for the next school year.
2. A **separate** letter from an independent third-party source (ex. Counselor, medical authority, clergy, court, government agency) who can attest first-hand to your circumstances. This letter must include as much detail about the situation as possible.
3. If you cannot provide a letter from an independent source, please explain why in your letter. You may then submit a signed letter from another source in its place.

If your circumstances remain the same, you would receive this designation for subsequent years.

By signing this application, I certify that all information provided by myself or any other person on this form is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that no assistance will be awarded until the student has completed a FAFSA application and has submitted all required documentation to the Office of Financial Aid.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date