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# Unusual Circumstance Appeal Form

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Print Student's Name

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LCC ID #

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Student's LCC Email Address

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Student's Phone Number (include area code)

## Unusual Circumstance Appeal Deadline: 60 Days after FAFSA Submission

A **dependent student** is one who does not meet any of the criteria for an independent student. An **independent student** is one of the following: at least 24 years old, married, a graduate or professional student, a veteran, a member of the armed forces, an orphan, a ward of the court, someone with legal dependents other than a spouse, an emancipated minor or someone who is homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. There are some instances where a student does not meet the criteria for an independent student but there are unusual circumstances that warrant an independent student status.

### Unusual circumstances do include

- parental abuse
- parental abandonment
- human trafficking (as described in the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000)
- legally granted refugee or asylum status
- student or parental incarceration

### Unusual Circumstances do not include

- parent refusal to contribute to the student's education
- parent's unwillingness to provide information for the FAFSA or verification
- parent not claiming student as a dependent for income tax purposes
- student demonstrating total self-sufficiency

All Unusual Circumstance Appeal Forms must also include:

- ☐ **A typed letter of appeal** that describes the unusual circumstances that warrant a change in your dependency status. Include details related to your relationship with both biological/adoptive parents.
- ☐ **TWO forms of supporting documentation** that validate the circumstances described in your letter, from two different, objective third-parties such as a physician, counselor, lawyer, social worker, religious leader, etc. on official letterhead and signed with a wet signature. Other documents that you could submit include a copy of a police report, medical documentation, etc.

By signing this form, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the information on this form. I certify that all information submitted is true to the best of my knowledge, that all copies are unaltered, and that I have appropriately attached all supporting documentation. I understand that submitting this form does not guarantee that my request will be granted. **Signatures must be handwritten.**

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Student Signature Required

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Date