

2026-2027 Appeal for Unusual Circumstances



Student Name: _____ CSC ID#: A _____

The Department of Education determines a student's dependency status from the answers provided on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students can appeal the need for parent information on the application if they have unusual circumstances.

Unusual circumstances include (but are not limited to):

- Parents are deceased
- Student or parental incarceration
- Parental estrangement, whereabouts unknown or contact poses a risk to the student
- Human trafficking, as described in the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7101 et seq.)

Both parents must have at least one of these circumstances in order for the student to appeal.

Unusual circumstances **DO NOT** include:

- Parents refuse to contribute to the student's education
- Parents will not provide information for the FAFSA or verification
- Parents do not claim the student as a dependent for income tax purposes
- Student demonstrates total self-sufficiency

A student must complete and submit this Appeal to be evaluated to exclude parent information on the FAFSA. CSC's Financial Aid office will review this Appeal to determine your status. You will be notified via your CSC email of the outcome.

Section I: Student Statement

A signed and dated statement of circumstances which details the basis of your request. Your statement of circumstances will only be used to determine if your appeal should be approved, and the information you provide will remain confidential to the fullest extent possible. However, information brought to the attention of the Financial Aid Office may be reported in accordance with laws and regulations, e.g., Title IX, VAWA, Vulnerable Persons, etc.

Section II: Supporting Documentation

Documentation and/or third-party statements that corroborate the information described in your statement of circumstances. Acceptable documentation includes (but is not limited to): court, federal/state, doctor issued, or school documents. Acceptable written third-party statements should come from sources such as: adult professionals, clergy, school guidance counselors, medical doctors, mental health professionals, employment managers or supervisors, teachers or professors, attorneys, law enforcement officers, social workers or officers of the court. Please ensure all third-party statements are dated and include a handwritten signature or are on official letterhead.

Section III: Required Signature

By signing below, you certify that all the information reported on this form and any attached documentation is accurate and true. The Financial Aid Office will make a determination as soon as possible but no later than 60 days after your request. You acknowledge that it is your responsibility to monitor your financial aid for any updates or additional requests for documentation or clarification and respond in a timely manner. You acknowledge that this appeal must be submitted by the last day of the term in which you are applying for aid. Warning: If you purposefully give false or misleading information, you may be fined, sentenced to jail or both (20 U.S.C. 1097).

Student Signature

Date Signed

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