

NAME

Purchase ID

A student under the age of 24 may be considered self-supporting only in unusual circumstances. Completing this form does not guarantee that there will be changes to your financial aid status. A decision for your dependency appeal will apply to the 2024-2025 academic year. An appeal must be submitted for each year the student wishes to have their status evaluated.

Circumstances that will not be considered:

- Student is living at home (or with relatives) but paying rent
- Student has ongoing arguments with parent(s) and due to this the parent(s) have refused to help the student
- Student has chosen to leave parent(s) and put him or herself through college
- Parent(s) have chosen not to help with the student's college expense or provide financial information
- Student lives with or has a step-parent who refuses to provide support or income information

Indicate below why you are submitting this appeal: **Your parent(s) have been permanently declared incompetent by judicial action:**

- Provide documentation, such as court orders, or notarized affidavits
- Provide a **Third Party Letter**: Signed statement from a professional on letterhead who is NOT a family member, substantiating your claim of independence. This can be a priest, rabbi, counselor, Social Services professional, medical professional, law enforcement officer, officer of the court, etc. **Third party letters not on letterhead will need to be notarized. All personal letters will need to be notarized.**

 You are receiving Public Assistance:

- Provide documentation proving receipt of **Public Assistance**. Public assistance does *not* include food stamps, unemployment compensation, or aid as a dependent child under the Aid to Families with Dependent children (AFDC) Program.

 You are receiving under your own name Supplemental Social Security (SSI) or normal Social Security income.

- Provide evidence from **Social Security officials**-This does *not* include Social Security Benefits you are receiving due to a death of a parent (Survivor's benefits) or any other benefits received under your parents' names.

 You have been rendered financially independent due to the involuntary dissolution of your family; Resulting in relinquishment of your parent(s) responsibility and control.

- Examples of this include: Abuse, abandonment, unfit living environment, etc.
- Provide documentation of the dissolution of your family, such as court orders, or notarized affidavits.
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