

Purchase College | 2026-2027 Appeal for Dependency Status

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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 2026-2027 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.

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.
 - **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.**



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Explain the reason for submitting this appeal in as much detail as possible. Attach additional pages if necessary.				
Required documents for this appeal				
Standard Verification - Independent Form				
2024 Signed Tax Return or Tax Return Transcript				
• 2024 W-2 Form(s) - All W-2 form(s) you received in 2024	4.			
Signature				
Signing this form certifies that the information reported on it is coinformation on this form, you may be fined, be sentenced to jail, or		e or misleading		
STUDENT:				
Printed Name	Signature	Date		