



2023-24 Unusual Circumstances Form

Student's Name: _____ Student ID: _____

Federal financial aid regulations assume that the family (student and parent) have primary responsibility for student educational costs. In certain instances, the federal government allows a student to appeal to have their parent responsibility removed.

Please note: The federal government does not consider the following as unusual circumstances: 1) Your parents are unwilling and/or unable to financially support you. 2) You live on your own and financially support yourself. 3) Your parents refuse to provide information required for completion of the Free Application for Federal Aid (FAFSA).

As part of your request, please answer each of the following items:

- Explain what unusual circumstances should make you an independent student. Be very detailed in your explanations. Include last contact with each parent biological parent. Explain: when, where, the nature and the frequency of the contact.
- Describe how you have been self-supporting. What month and year did you start meeting your own expenses without parental support? How have you provided for yourself?
- Submit copies of your 2021 and 2022 Federal Income Tax Returns and W2 forms.
- Provide two statements from a professional such as clergy, medical professional, caseworker, police officer, high school counselor, etc. Copies of appropriate court documents, medical records, police reports are acceptable substitutions for professional statements.

Certify below: I have attached statements from the following persons (name, job title, and relationship to you):

1) _____

2) _____

I certify that the information provided in this petition is true and correct:

Student's Signature

Date