

2024-25 Unusual Circumstance Review Request

 Student's Name _____ Student ID _____
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This form is intended for use by students who are dependent of their parents according to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) definition, however due to **mitigating circumstances**, wish to request to be considered independent. If you can document why you should be considered independent for reasons beyond your control, you may petition for a waiver of federal regulations requiring parental information. In your petition, you should document as much as possible to support your claim. If you have decided to live on your own or are over the age of 18, this does not make you independent.

Check All That Apply	Unusual Circumstance	Required Supporting Documentation (If Applicable)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Orphan/ Ward of the Court/ Foster Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Parent(s)'s Death Certificate ◇ Ward of the Court documentation (e.g., Order of Disposition) ◇ Documentation from social worker/Child Protective Services ◇ Adoption Certificate
<input type="checkbox"/>	Emancipated Minor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Court documentation approving/granting emancipation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Legal Guardianship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Court documentation issuing legal guardianship
<input type="checkbox"/>	Unaccompanied Homeless Youth or At-Risk of Homelessness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Documentation or statement from local homeless student liaison (McKinney-Vento liaison) from your high school ◇ Up to 2 (in addition to McKinney-Vento) statements from unrelated parties validating your circumstances (e.g., pastor/clergy member, school counselor, teacher, social worker)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other <i>*e.g., parental abandonment, estrangement</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Detailed explanation of circumstances including dates or timeline ◇ Documentation of monthly expenses and income/resources used to meet those expenses ◇ Court or law enforcement documents supporting your circumstances ◇ Up to 3 statements (one may be McKinney-Vento liaison) from unrelated parties validating your circumstances (e.g., pastor/clergy member, school counselor, teacher, social worker)

Additional Information

Please use the space below to explain any information on this form or expand upon your circumstances. Attach a separate document if more space is needed.

Student Certification

I certify that the information provided on this form is accurate and complete as of this date. I understand that the request of a financial aid reevaluation is not guaranteed to result in a change to my financial aid eligibility and does not release me from payment of any balance due on my student account.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Please sign and submit completed form, along with supporting documentation to the Office of Financial Aid.