



Financial Aid
 1530 W. 17th St.
 Santa Ana, CA 92706
 2021-2022

Name of Financial Aid Applicant (Please print)		
Last	First	Middle
Student ID Number: _____		

REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF A CHANGE IN DEPENDENCY STATUS

Eligibility for assistance is based on the premise that students and their parents share the primary responsibility for paying for higher education. If the directions on your financial aid application require you to provide parents' information, then you are considered a dependent student for financial aid purposes. In extreme hardship cases, the Financial Aid Office may be able to assist a student who is technically dependent, but who has *unique and extenuating circumstances* that prevents contact with his/her parents.

This will apply to situations where the student's physical or emotional welfare is jeopardized by contact with the parents. In such cases, the student must complete this form and provide written documentation from a third party professional.

DIRECTIONS:

- ✓ Complete the student section on the FAFSA. Do not submit the FAFSA yet.
- ✓ See a third party professional to verify and document your situation.
- ✓ Make an appointment with a Financial Aid Analyst in the Financial Aid Office. Bring this form, the attachment and a completed FAFSA application with you. Bring your income information with you so your FAFSA can be checked for accuracy.

SECTION I: TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENT

Student's Name: _____	SS No: _____	
Address: _____ _____	Phone No: _____	
Parents:	<u>Parent 1:</u>	<u>Parent 2:</u>
Name: _____	_____	_____
Address: _____	_____	_____
Phone: _____	_____	_____
1. When was the last time you lived with your parents?	Parent 1: _____ Parent 2: _____	
2. When was the last time you had any contact with your parents?	Parent 1: _____ Parent 2: _____	
3. When did your parents last provide you with any form of support?	Parent 1: _____ Parent 2: _____	
4. What are your present living arrangements? <i>Explain who you have lived with since you left your parent(s) home and how much rent you currently pay, and since what date?</i>	_____	

5. Explain how you support yourself and pay your living expenses, transportation expenses, college expenses?

6. In your own words, **describe the unusual circumstances**, events, family situation, which have lead to separation, and estrangement from your parents, causing you to lose contact with them and requiring you to be on your own and self supporting.

I CERTIFY THAT THIS INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND I UNDERSTAND THAT IT WILL BE USED TO OVERRIDE FEDERAL DEPENDENCY DETERMINATION REGARDING MY DEPENDENCY STATUS. I UNDERSTAND THAT IF I MOVE BACK WITH MY PARENT (S), OR RECEIVE SUPPORT FROM THEM, I MUST REPORT THIS IMMEDIATELY TO THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE.

Student's Signature

Date

SECTION II: TO BE COMPLETED BY THIRD PARTY PROFESSIONAL - Examples of third party professionals include such persons as teachers, counselors, clergy, social workers, social service personnel, court officials, and police officers.

The information provided by the student must be verified by a third party professional, who is aware of the student's situation, and can corroborate the facts presented. As the third party professional, **you will need to provide a written statement that supports the situation described by the student.** The statement should include a clear description of the student's special or unusual circumstances and an explanation of how you have knowledge of this situation.

Third Party Professional: Please attach your statement to this form and sign the following certification.

I CERTIFY THAT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS TRUE AND I HAVE ATTACHED A WRITTEN STATEMENT SUPPORTING THE STUDENT'S UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES STATED ABOVE.

Signature _____ Agency/Organization _____
Name (print) _____ Address _____
Title _____ City/State _____
Date _____ Phone # _____ Relationship to Student _____

SECTION III: TO BE COMPLETED BY FINANCIAL AID COMMITTEE

PRESENTED TO THE COMMITTEE ON: _____ **By:** _____
Date Analyst's Name

PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT DECISION: This student is: _____ INDEPENDENT _____ DEPENDENT

Rationale for Decision: _____

Staff Signature Title Date

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