

2020-2021 Dependency Status Appeal

Student's Name (PRINT): _____ HCCC ID: _____ Phone: (____) - _____

If you are a dependent student and you believe that you are an independent student based on special circumstances, you may complete this appeal form. A Financial Aid Counselor will review the documents submitted in support of your appeal and make a determination of your dependency status. **Filing this form does not mean that your appeal will be granted.**

Reason for Appeal (Check the box that applies):

- Unusual circumstances exist in your family that prevents you from obtaining you parent's financial information such as: an abusive environment, parents lacking physical or mental capacity, incarceration of both parents, abandonment, parental drug or alcohol abuse and other situation that can merit a dependency override. You must provide **all** the following documents to the financial aid office:
 - Personal statement explaining the family situation
 - Two letters from adult professionals who are familiar with your situation (Adult professional includes clergy members, lawyers, guidance counselors, teachers or professors, social workers, etc.)
 - Source of Income. If you are receiving support from relatives or friends, describe the nature of support. For students who are self-supporting, provide copies of tax returns filed for the past years.

- Students whose parents reside in a foreign country that has a political or civil unrest. You may appeal if such situation has resulted to the prevention of student in obtaining parents information. You must provide **all** the following documents to the financial aid office:
 - Personal statement explaining the family situation
 - Provide a statement (must be original not copy) from an official from the embassy of the country (diplomatic office) where your parents reside describing the current situation.
 - Source of Income. If you are receiving support from relatives or friends, describe the nature of support. For students who are self-supporting, provide copies of tax returns filed for the past years.

Others:

Must provide supporting documents. (Put the icon to attached documents here)

Note: *A student cannot be independent just because 1) the parents are unwilling to help pay for the student's college education, 2) parents are unwilling to provide information on the application or verification, 3) parents do not claim the student as a dependent on their tax return and 4) student demonstrates total self-sufficiency.*

I declare that all the information I provided on this form is true and correct.

Student's Signature

Date