

Dependency Override Appeal Form

STUDENT ID	STUDENT LAST NAME	STUDENT FIRST NAME	PHONE NUMBER (with area code)
PLEASE PRINT IN BLACK INK			

Financial aid eligibility is based on your information from your FAFSA or California Dream Act Application, which includes your dependency status. To be considered as an independent student, one or more of the following criteria is must be met:

- You were born before January 1, 1997
- As of the date of your FAFSA, you are married (Also answer "Yes" if you are separated but not divorced)
- At the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year, you will be working on a master's or doctorate program
- You are currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training
- You now or will have children who will receive more than 50% of their support from you between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021
- You have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and receive more than 50% of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2021
- At any time since age 13, both of your parents were deceased, you were in foster care or you were a dependent or ward of the court
- As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, you are or were an emancipated minor
- Someone other than your parent or stepparent have legal guardianship of you, as determined by a court in your state of legal residence
- At any time on or after July 1, 2020, your high school or school district homeless liaison, or, the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, or, the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program, determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless

If a student does not meet any of the above criteria, they still may be considered as an independent student, based upon unusual circumstances on a case-by-case basis as determined by a financial aid administrator.

Unusual circumstances include, but are not limited to, abandonment by parents, an abusive family environment that threatens the student's health or safety, or the student being unable to locate his parents. Circumstances that **do not qualify** are parents refusal to contribute to the student's education, parents unwillingness to provide information on the application or information needed for verification, parents not claiming the student as a dependent for income tax purposes, or student demonstrates total self sufficiency

REQUIRED Documentation (Incomplete and/or insufficient information will not be considered):

- Submit a 2020-2021 FAFSA or California Dream Act application
- Submit a **detailed and thorough** statement, explaining the adverse circumstances that prevent you from providing parental data/information on your application, all background information regarding the parental estrangement, and how you have supported yourself during this period. Include any additional documentation such as court documents, etc.
- Submit **two** statements (letters) from third party professionals that are familiar with your situation, which explains the relationship with the student and the length of time of the relationship. The statements must be submitted on letterhead from the person's place of employment, including the full address and phone number.

CERTIFICATION & SIGNATURE(S)

- By checking this box, I certify that I previously submitted documentation and only need to submit an updated statement. By signing this form, I certify that all the information reported on it is complete and correct.**

Student Signature

Date

WARNING: If you purposely give false or misleading information you may be fined, be sentenced to jail, or both.

To submit this form: you may fax it to 559.278.4833, email it as an attachment to 5592784833@fax.csufresno.edu or mail it to the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships, 5150 North Maple Avenue - M/S JA64, Fresno, CA 93740-8026

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APPROVED **DENIED** Reason: _____

FAO Signature: _____ Date: _____ ISIR coded Response to student PS Comments