

2024-2025 Dependency Status Review Form

Last Name

First Name

Middle Initial

Date of Birth

Student ID Number

Home Phone Number _____ Work/Cell Phone Number _____

Read the information below before completing this form.

Federal financial aid regulations assume that the family has the primary responsibility of meeting the educational costs of students. If you are considered a “Dependent Student” based on the FAFSA definition for dependent students, your financial aid eligibility is determined using your parent income/asset information and signatures, in addition to your own, to be considered for federal financial aid. You were born before January 1,

2001.

- At the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year, you will be enrolled in a graduate or a doctoral program.
- You are married.
- You have a child or children other than a spouse who receive more than ½ of their financial support from you
- At any time since you turned 13, both your parents were deceased, you were in foster care, or you were a ward of the court.
- You are or were a legally emancipated minor as determined by a court in your state of residence.

A student who does not meet ANY of the conditions is classified as a Dependent student. Exceptions to this dependency definition are made only in extraordinary situations on a case-by-case basis. Students with unusual and exceptional circumstances must show compelling reason to be considered independent rather than dependent.

To ensure compliance with federal regulations, there are limits to which circumstances can be considered for a dependency override. The following **are not** considered unusual circumstances for the purpose of achieving independent status for financial aid:

- You do not live in your

- I understand that if my appeal is APPROVED, then I will be awarded federal aid based on independent status.
- I understand that if my appeal is NOT APPROVED, then I will have to submit my FAFSA, providing my parent(s) financial information and signatures in order to receive federal aid.

Student Signature

Date

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Hand-written signatures must be provided.

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*Allow 10-14 business days to process this request.

*A final decision will be posted on your UNA Portal and email account.