



2017-2018 DEPENDENCY STATUS  
APPEAL RENEWAL

<b>Student Name:</b> _____	<b>Student ID or SSN:</b> _____
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A student, who had a Dependency Status Appeal approved by the University of Wisconsin Colleges for the 2016-2017 academic year and does not meet one of the criteria for independent status on the 2017-2018 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), may submit this renewal form. Once submitted, a determination will be made by the Student Financial Aid Office as to a dependency status override for the 2017-2018 academic year.

**Attach to this form - a typed personal statement with your name, date, and signature:**

1. outlining the mitigating circumstances and why you should continue to be considered independent in 2017-2018
2. including information as to your current living situation and how you are supporting yourself
3. addressing if any of the circumstances that were used to determine your original independent status have changed

If this form is submitted without the personal statement, it will be returned to you. Upon receipt, it may be necessary to request additional information to clarify or supplement information you already submitted. You will be notified if additional documentation is needed.

*As a reminder, review federal financial aid Dependency Status Appeal information:*

The US Department of Education does allow financial aid administrators to use professional judgment in cases where extenuating circumstances prevent a student from being able to provide parental information on the FAFSA, commonly referred to as a dependency status appeal or override.

In very limited cases, an otherwise dependent student may be able to submit the FAFSA without parental information due to extreme circumstances, including:

- your parents are incarcerated
- you have left home due to an abusive family environment
- you do not know where your parents are, are unable to contact them, and you have not been adopted

The following are situations that would not be considered extenuating circumstances for dependency status appeal:

- your parents do not claim you as a dependent on their income taxes
- you do not live with your parents and/or you and your parents are having a disagreement
- your parents refuse to provide their information on your FAFSA
- your parents do not contribute to your college expenses and/or you are self supporting

**Signature/Certification**

**I certify that all information reported to qualify for financial aid is complete and correct. I understand if I reestablish contact with my parents, including but not limited to living with them or accepting their support, I must notify the Student Financial Aid Office immediately.**

**Student Signature** (handwritten, not typed)

**Date**

**Submit form to:**

UW Colleges Student Financial Aid Office  
780 Regent St, Suite 130  
Madison, WI 53715-2635