

2023-2024 Petition for Independent Status

Purpose

This form is used to gather information regarding extraordinary circumstances that warrant the re-evaluation of your dependency status. In order to make exceptions to federal regulations, your appeal must be detailed and provide accurate verifiable documentation. Please only submit this petition if you have already completed and submitted your 2023-2024 FAFSA or Dream Act application. If your petition is denied, you will be instructed to provide parental information on your FAFSA or Dream Act application.

Policies

This appeal is for students who no longer have any relationship with their parents for reasons such as, but not limited to, severe estrangement from parent, removal from home due to abuse*, parent incarceration or incapacitation, or parent's whereabouts are unknown.

The following circumstances do not qualify for appeal:

- Parents refusing to contribute to college education
- Parents unwilling to provide information on your financial aid application (i.e. FAFSA or California Dream Act Application);
- Parents do not claim student on income taxes
- Student is financially independent of parents

**The California Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act ("CANRA"), codified at California Penal Code §§ 11164-11174.3, requires that employers of Mandated Reporters (as defined in the Act) promote identification and reporting of child abuse or neglect. It is the policy of the University of California to comply with its obligations under the Act; to require that all University employees and administrators who are Mandated Reporters make required reports to child protection or law enforcement agencies; and more broadly to encourage all members of the University community who observe, have actual knowledge of, or reasonably suspect child abuse or neglect at a University facility or perpetrated by University personnel to promptly report the concern to appropriate external and University officials.*

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Student Last Name _____

Student First Name _____

MI _____

UID Number _____

Petition Information

Check this box if you plan to enroll for summer 2023 (Separate Summer Aid Application is required)

Section A. Personal Statement

Please check one of the following boxes and explain in detail the extenuating family circumstances that you believe warrant review of your dependency status.

My Petition for Independent Status was approved at UCLA in a prior academic year. Federal Regulations require me to submit a **typed and signed** detailed statement verifying that the documented adverse family circumstances still exist.

I am submitting the Petition for Independent Status for initial consideration during the 2023-2024 academic year. I understand that if my appeal is approved, I must submit a Petition for Independent Status for each subsequent year if I wish to receive financial aid. A **typed and signed** detailed statement of my current situation is being provided.

Section B. Appeal

I. Where do you currently live?

With Relatives On Campus Off Campus

a. Last date you lived at home with your parents (mm/dd/yy)? _____

b. Have your parents provided you with support in the last 12 months (support includes cash, housing, food, gifts, medical insurance, loans, college costs, etc.) ? No Yes If yes, please list type and amount.

Type	Amount
A. _____	\$ _____
B. _____	\$ _____

2. List your 2021 income from

A. Work: <input type="checkbox"/> I have attached a copy of my 2021 IRS Tax Return Transcript <input type="checkbox"/> I have not and will not file a Federal Income Tax return for 2020, but have attached my W-2's. <input type="checkbox"/> I did not work at all during 2021.	\$
B. Untaxed Sources (for example: child support received, Veterans non-education benefits, tax exempt interest income, payments to tax deferred pension and savings plans, etc.):	\$
C. Financial Aid (attach a copy of your Financial Aid Notification letter if you attended a school different than UCLA for the previous academic year):	\$
TOTAL	\$

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Section C Supporting Documentation

To document your extraordinary circumstances and relationship with your parents attach the following documents to this form:

- I have attached a Signed statement from a professional: counselor, social worker, therapist, member of the clergy, etc. (must not be a friend or relative) on **official letterhead** substantiating and documenting the existence of my adverse family circumstance.

AND

- I have attached a Signed statement from a witness (friend, relative, etc.) with comprehensive knowledge regarding the existence of the adverse condition. This statement must be provided with your petition.

Additional Documentation

If you have additional supporting documentation that supports your adverse family circumstances, it is recommended that you Submit these documents along with your appeal.

Examples of additional documents may include:

Police reports/proof of incarcerated parent.
Applicable docs that can support the Personal Statement

Statement:

Signature

Please sign and return this completed form and all supporting documentation to the Financial Aid & Scholarships office. Failure to do so will delay your financial aid process. Unsigned or incomplete forms will not be processed.

I certify that all information reported on this form is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I have also attached all documentation as required in the instructions. I understand that purposely falsifying information may lead to cancellation of my aid and prevent me from receiving financial aid in future academic years.

Student Signature (*electronic signature is not acceptable*)

Date

HOW TO SUBMIT

ONLINE

Log on to MyUCLA> click Finances and Jobs tab> Financial Aid and Scholarships click> View All Documents.

FAX

Fax: 310-267-4143
Attn: UCLA Financial Aid and Scholarships

Attach form as necessary