

2017-18 REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF DEPENDENCY STATUS

Dependency status for financial aid is established by the U.S. Department of Education. Federal regulations require a student's family to take primary responsibility for providing for educational costs. Financial aid eligibility is determined by using both the student and parent financial information for students who are considered dependent according to the federal government. Dependent students are required to provide parental information. Occasionally, due to extraordinary circumstances, students cannot obtain the parental information required. If this is your situation, you have the option to appeal this federal regulation by providing the following information as requested.

Attach the following documentation:

- A typed and signed explanation of your exceptional circumstance. Your statement should include an explanation of why you cannot obtain parental information, your relationship with your biological and/or legally adoptive parents, where you have lived since separating from your parents, and how you have supported yourself while living apart from your parents.
- Two detailed, signed statements from third parties who have knowledge of your circumstances and can verify your statement. The third parties' statements must be on official letterhead if applicable and must include contact information such as phone number and/or email address as well as explanation of their relationship to you. Acceptable third parties include teachers, counselors, medical authorities, clergy, prison administrators, government agencies, or court representatives.
- Other documentation supporting your circumstances.

The following are not considered unusual or extenuating circumstances:

- You do not live in your parents' home
- You are self-supporting
- You are not claimed as a federal income tax exemption on your parents' income tax return
- Your parents cannot afford or refuse to help with college or living expenses
- Your parents are unwilling to provide their financial information to complete the FAFSA

Appeals submitted without the required documentation listed above cannot be considered. If you are approved for a dependency appeal, your dependency status must be reevaluated each year until you meet the federal criteria for being considered an independent student automatically.

SECTION I. STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Name: _____ WVU ID: _____

SECTION II. INCOME INFORMATION

1. Did you or will you file a 2015 Federal Tax Return?

Yes – **attach** a copy of your 2015 Federal Tax Return Transcript No

Did someone else claim you as an exemption on their taxes in 2015? If so, **attach** their 2015 Federal Tax Return Transcript and provide their name and relationship to you:

Student Name: _____

WVU ID: _____

SECTION III. HOUSING INFORMATION

1. Where do/will you reside when classes are in session?

- University housing
- Rented property – **attach** a copy of the **first and last page** of your signed lease or a statement from the landlord and at least one canceled check or receipt (if available)
- With a relative other than parent – **attach** a statement from the relative(s) indicating any financial arrangements
- Other – specify: _____

2. Where do/will you reside during periods when classes are not in session? _____

SECTION IV. OTHER INFORMATION

1. Were you able to opt out of the WVU Student Health Insurance?

- Yes – **attach** a copy of your health insurance card
- No

2. Do you have a vehicle?

- Yes – **attach** a copy of title/loan, car registration and car insurance
- No

SECTION V. CERTIFICATION

The information provided above is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. If WVU has questions concerning information provided, the best telephone or email to seek clarification is

_____.

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** ____/____/____

RETURN FORM TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

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WVUHub@mail.wvu.edu

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PO Box 9810
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Fax: (304) 293-6861
hscfinaid@mail.wvu.edu

Law Campus

College of Law
PO Box 6130
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Phone: (304) 293-5302
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Keyser Campus

75 Arnold Street
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