

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Name _____ Banner ID + _____

Phone (_____) _____ E-mail address _____ @MiamiOH.edu

Review the following information regarding dependency eligibility:

Federal financial aid regulations state that dependent students are required by law to provide parental information and signatures to be considered for financial aid. If you have documentable extraordinary circumstances, you may appeal the regulations requiring parental information to become an independent student.

This Dependency Status Appeal is a (check one box below): **NEW APPEAL****Submit the following required documentation for a new appeal:**

1. Provide a thorough typed explanation including the history of your situation, describing the extraordinary circumstance(s) that have caused you to request a dependency status appeal to be considered independent. **Within your statement also address each of the following questions:**
---Where are both of your parents located? When and where was the last time you had contact with each of your parents?
What was the nature of the contact?
---How have you been supporting yourself financially?
---When did you start covering your expenses without parental support?
2. Provide third party statements from an organization and/or professional adults (ex: clergy, employer, guidance counselor) from whom you have sought treatment or assistance, or who is familiar with your circumstances. You may also submit supporting legal documentation that describes your circumstance in lieu of such a statement.
3. Documentation showing your current address (bills, lease, etc.)
4. Signed copy of your 2013 Federal Income Tax Return Transcript unless you utilized the IRS Data Retrieval Tool in the FAFSA on the web.

 RENEWAL APPEAL

Do not submit copies of last year's Dependency Status Appeal statements. Submit the following required documentation each year for renewal of an approved appeal:

1. Provide a thorough typed explanation of your current situation including the history of your situation, describing the extraordinary circumstance(s) that have caused you to request a renewal of the dependency status appeal to be considered independent. **Within your statement also address each of the following questions:**
---Where are both of your parents located? When and where was the last time you had contact with each of your parents?
What was the nature of the contact?
---How have you been supporting yourself financially?
---When did you start covering your expenses without parental support?
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Note that if this appeal is approved:

- You will be required to submit a verification worksheet and a copy of your 2013 tax return transcript (unless you utilized the IRS Data Retrieval Tool in the FAFSA on the web), or if you did not file a tax return, proof of your income for 2013.
- This appeal is valid for the 2014-2015 academic year **only**.

In order to process your appeal, the required documentation must be submitted with this form. You will be notified of results via your Miami email account.

I certify that all of the information reported to qualify for federal student aid is complete and correct.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

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