

Dependency Petition Deadlines (due by Noon) on the dates below or by your last day of attendance for the semester, whichever comes first.

Fall 2016 11/18/2016
Spring 2015 05/01/2017
Summer 2016 06/23/2017

SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE Financial Aid

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DEPENDENCY PETITION 2016 – 2017

Student Name: _____

Social Security# _____

CSID: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Financial aid regulations assume that the family has primary responsibility for meeting the educational cost of students. If you are considered a dependent student according to the financial aid definition, your aid eligibility is determined by using parent income and asset information in addition to your information. Dependent students are required by law to provide parental information and signatures to be considered for financial aid.

It is not relevant if: Your parents did not claim you as an exemption; or if you supported yourself; or if they are unwilling or unable to pay; or if you don't communicate with them, or if it is difficult to acquire their information.

Occasionally, due to extraordinary circumstances, students cannot obtain parental information. Examples may include physically abusive relationships, former wards of the court, refugees, political asylees, incarcerated parents, etc. If you have similar exceptional circumstances, please describe these in detail and [attach all documents that support your circumstances]. In your petition you should answer/supply detailed information for each of the following.

PLEASE SUBMIT EACH OF THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR DETAILED STATEMENT: (PLEASE CHECK EACH)

On a separate piece of paper, in paragraph format, please answer all of the following questions:

- Identify the full name(s) and location of your parent(s). Include information on both parent 1 and parent 2 regardless of marital status or gender.
- Describe the last time you lived with and/or had contact with your parent(s). When, where, and the nature of the contact.
- Explain why you cannot obtain parental information please be clear & specific.
- Describe how you have been self-supporting; **i)** when did you start meeting your expenses without parental support and **ii)** how have you provided for yourself?

IN ADDITION, PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING: (PLEASE CHECK EACH SUBMITTED)

- Attach documentation such as; Verification Worksheet for Independent Students (**required**), 2015 IRS Tax Transcript (**required if filed**), 2015 W-2's (**required if employed**) etc.
- You **MUST** include Two (2) letters on letterhead stationery from objective third party and/or professional individuals, such as a high school counselor, case worker, rabbi, minister, therapist, or other professional **who can confirm** the unusual or extenuating circumstances in your family from their perspective as witnessed *. These statements should include the following information:
 - Their relationship to you and your parents
 - Full Name, Address, Telephone Number & Email Address
 - Their understanding of your family circumstances,
- Any other supporting documentation such as proof of parent(s) abandonment or abuse, court documents, police reports, or certificate of death.

I certify that the information I have provided is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I agree to provide proof supporting the information on this form. I certify that any IRS Tax Transcripts that I have provided are true copies of the documents as filed with the IRS. I realized that giving false or misleading information may result in a \$20,000 dollar fine, a prison sentence or both.

My signature below signifies that I have read and understand the above information and that the information provided for in this appeal is true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

* Adults who witnessed your circumstances first hand and can fully explain your situation.

[] approved [] denied FAO Signature: _____ Date: _____