

Dependency Petitions are **due by 3:00 pm** either on the semester date listed below OR on your last day of attendance for the semester, whichever comes first.

- Fall 2019 11/22/2019
- Spring 2020 05/15/2020
- Summer 2020 06/05/2020



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Dependency Petition 2019 – 2020

STUDENT NAME: _____

CSID: _____

SSN: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

E-MAIL: _____

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 therefore required by law to provide parental information and signatures to be considered for financial aid.

Occasionally a student may not be able to obtain parental information due to exceptional circumstances. (Examples include physically abusive parental relationships, former wards of the court, refugees, political asylees or incarcerated parents.)

The following are NOT considered exceptional circumstances: Your parents did not claim you as an exemption; you supported yourself; you parents are unwilling or unable to pay; you don't communicate with them; it is difficult to acquire their information. **Unfortunately, petitions citing these circumstances cannot be taken into consideration.**

If you do have exceptional circumstances, please describe these in detail and attach all documents that support your circumstances. In your petition you should supply detailed information for each of the following:

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

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). Include the date, location, and nature of the contact.
- Explain why you cannot obtain parental information. (Please be clear and specific.)
- Describe in detail (with dates) how you have been self-supporting by answering the following questions:
 - i) When did you start meeting your expenses without parental support?
 - ii) How have you provided for yourself?

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

- Attach documentation such as: **Verification Worksheet for Independent Student** (REQUIRED)
- 2017 IRS Tax Transcript** (REQUIRED IF FILED), **2017 W-2s** (REQUIRED IF EMPLOYED), etc.
If you have not indicated any taxable or untaxable income sources, you will need to explain how you were/are self-supporting. Include the 2019-2020 Independent Student Income Certification.
- You **MUST** include **two (2) letters** from objective third party(ies) 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:
 - Date of the Letter
 - Their relationship to you and your parents
 - Their full name, address, telephone number and e-mail address
 - Their factual knowledge of your family circumstances
- Any other supporting documentation** such as proof of abandonment or abuse by parent(s), court documents, police reports, or a 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 realize that giving false or misleading information may result in a \$20,000 fine, a prison sentence, or both.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Office use only: Approved per Professional Judgment based on unusual circumstances
 Denied

FAO Signature: _____

Date: _____