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.

Occasionally, due to extraordinary circumstances, students cannot obtain parental information. If you are using this form, we should have an approved Dependency Petition for a previous year.

If you are using this form, San Diego Mesa College should have an approved Dependency Petition for a previous year. This review of your dependency status must note that your circumstances have not changed since your last approved Dependency Petition. Please describe the continuation of your exceptional circumstances and be ready to provide full documentation. Your request for review is not complete unless all documents are included.

On a separate piece of paper, in paragraph format, please answer all of the following questions: (PLEASE CHECK EACH SUBMITTED)

☐ Please include the full names and the last time you lived with and/or had contact with each of your parents, when, where, and the nature of the contact. Include information on both parent 1 and parent 2 regardless of marital status or gender.

☐ Explain why you are still unable to provide parental information, what are the circumstances that have changed, or has not changed compared to your prior year dependency override petition

☐ Describe in detail (with dates) 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),
☐ 2019 IRS Tax Transcript (required if filed) & W-2’s (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 2021-2022 Independent Student Income Certification.

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.

Signature ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

Office Use only: _______ Review Approved per Professional Judgment based on unusual circumstances
_______ Review Denied

FAO Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

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