

Dependency Petitions are **due by 12:00 pm** either on the semester date listed below OR on your last day of attendance for the semester, whichever comes first.

- Fall 2023 12/01/2023
- Spring 2024 05/04/2024
- Summer 2023 06/09/2024



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Homeless or Youth At Risk of Homelessness Determination Petition 2023 – 2024

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 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 homelessness or being at risk of homelessness. (Examples include leave home due to physically abusive parental relationships, former wards of the court or evicted from your dwelling place with no secure living arrangements, or having insufficient resources to pay living and housing expenses in San Diego)

The following situations are NOT considered exceptional circumstances: Your parents did not claim you as an exemption; you supported yourself; you disagree with the living arrangements secured by your parent(s), you or your parents are unwilling to pay for educational expenses; 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 the circumstances for your housing insecurity. (Please be clear and specific.)
- Describe in detail (with dates) how you have been self-supporting by answering the following question:
 - i) How have you provided for yourself?

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

- Along with this form and your statement, please attach the documentation that applies to your situation:
 - Submit the **2023 – 2024 Verification of Unaccompanied / Homeless Youth** Status completed by either:
 - Your high school homeless liaison, or
 - The director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing funded by HUD (Department of Housing and Urban Development) or

- The director/coordinator from a runaway or homeless youth center or transitional living program.
- The Financial Aid Administrator from your college

If you are "couch hopping", you MUST include in your statement of circumstances the following information:

- The date of the Letter is written
- List the full name(s), physical address(es), telephone number(s) and e-mail address(es) of all the persons you have been living with and their relationship to you and/or your parents.
- Your signature

Any other supporting documentation such as proof of abandonment or abuse by parent(s), court documents, police reports, or a certificate of death. (if available)

I certify that all the information I have provided is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If selected for verification process, I agree to provide required documentation. I realize that giving false or misleading information may result in a \$20,000 fine, a prison sentence, or both.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Office use only: Approved
 Denied

FAO Signature: _____

Date: _____