



## 2024-25 Unusual Circumstance Review Request

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID \_\_\_\_\_  
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This form is intended for use by students who are dependent of their parents according to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) definition, however due to **mitigating circumstances**, wish to request to be considered independent. If you can document why you should be considered independent for reasons beyond your control, you may petition for a waiver of federal regulations requiring parental information. In your petition, you should document as much as possible to support your claim. If you have decided to live on your own or are over the age of 18, this does not make you independent.

Check All That Apply	Unusual Circumstance	Required Supporting Documentation (If Applicable)
	<b>Orphan/ Ward of the Court/ Foster Care</b>	Parent(s)'s Death Certificate Ward of the Court documentation (e.g., Order of Disposition) Documentation from social worker/Child Protective Services Adoption Certificate
	<b>Emancipated Minor</b>	Court documentation approving/granting emancipation
	<b>Legal Guardianship</b>	Court documentation issuing legal guardianship
	<b>Unaccompanied Homeless Youth or At-Risk of Homelessness</b>	Documentation or statement from local homeless student liaison (McKinney-Vento liaison) from your high school Up to 2 (in addition to McKinney-Vento) statements from unrelated parties validating your circumstances (e.g., pastor/clergy member, school counselor, teacher, social worker)
	<b>Other</b> <i>*e.g., parental abandonment, estrangement</i>	Detailed explanation of circumstances including dates or timeline Documentation of monthly expenses and income/resources used to meet those expenses Court or law enforcement documents supporting your circumstances Up to 3 statements (one may be McKinney-Vento liaison) from unrelated parties validating your circumstances (e.g., pastor/clergy member, school counselor, teacher, social worker)

