

Office of Financial Aid

Return To:  
 Financial Aid Office  
 Ursuline College  
 2550 Lander Rd.  
 Pepper Pike, OH 44124

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 SSN or Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

**2016-2017**

**APPEAL TO BE CONSIDERED A SELF-SUPPORTING STUDENT**

**Please submit to the Financial Aid Office:**

- A signed, detailed statement outlining why you feel you should be considered an independent student. (The more detailed the statement, the better able this office is to evaluate the situation.)
- Two detailed letters from two separate third-party professionals (teacher, counselor, clergyperson, social worker, etc...) verifying the information in your statement.
- Proof of self-sufficiency, (i.e., lease, rent receipts, utility bills, medical insurance, medical payments, etc...)
- A copy of your 2014 and 2015 Federal Income **Tax Return Transcripts** from the IRS or other proof of income for 2014 and 2015 if a non-filer.
- \_\_\_\_ Other (please respond if marked) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please answer all of the following questions:**

- 1) What is the **amount and source** of income or financial support you received/will receive from your parents?  
*(This includes all personal expenses that are being covered by your parents on your behalf.)*  
 In 2014: \_\_\_\_\_  
 In 2015: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Do you live with your parents? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Did your parents claim you as a tax exemption in 2014? \_\_\_\_\_ In 2015? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) What is the **amount and source** of income or financial support you received/will receive from persons other than your parents?  
*(This includes all personal expenses that are being covered by others on your behalf.)*  
 In 2014: \_\_\_\_\_  
 In 2015: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) Please itemize your annual expenses for 2016:
 

Housing _____	Clothing _____
Food _____	Entertainment/Other _____
Transportation _____	Dependent Care _____
Utilities _____	<b>Total</b> _____

**Certification: I certify that all of the above information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I agree to provide additional information if required.**

**Student's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



## A FEW THINGS YOU MAY WANT TO CONSIDER BEFORE APPEALING FOR INDEPENDENT STATUS:

- The Federal Government feels that it is the parent's primary responsibility to fund their child's education to the extent that they are able. As a result, student financial aid is available to "fill in the gaps" of what the parents cannot pay. Based on this premise, the willingness of the parents to pay for their child's education is *not* taken into consideration.
- The majority of college students are considered dependent students for financial aid purposes.
- If you are appealing because your parents have little or no income, it may already be determined that your parents are expected to contribute nothing toward your educational expenses. In fact, in some circumstances, if their income is low enough, a contribution may not be expected from either of you.
- The fact that we are not considering parental information in our calculations does not guarantee that you will increase your financial aid eligibility.
- Pell Grant calculations do take into consideration low parental income.

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*Appeal Approved* \_\_\_\_\_ *Appeal Denied* \_\_\_\_\_

*Comments:* \_\_\_\_\_

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