

Office of Financial Aid

Return To:

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

Student's Name: _____

Student ID: _____

2017-2018

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, clergy person, 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 2015, 2016, and 2017 Federal Income Tax Return Transcripts from the IRS or other proof of income for 2015, 2016, and 2017 if a non-filer.

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 2015: _____

In 2016: _____

In 2017: _____

2) Do you live with your parents in 2015? _____ In 2016? _____ In 2017? _____

3) Did or will your parents claim as a tax exemption in 2015? _____ In 2016? _____ In 2017? _____

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 2015: _____

In 2016: _____

In 2017: _____

5) Please itemize your annual expenses for 2017:

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

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: _____
