Office of Financial Aid

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

2019-2020  
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 2017 and 2018 Federal Income Tax Return Transcripts from the IRS or other proof of income for 2017 and 2018 if a non-filer.

Please answer all 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 2017: _____________________________________________________________

In 2018: _____________________________________________________________

2) Did you live with your parents in 2017? _________ In 2018? __________

3) Did or will your parents claim as a tax exemption in 2017? __________ In 2018? __________

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 2017: _____________________________________________________________

In 2018: _____________________________________________________________

5) Please itemize your annual expenses for 2018:

   Housing ______________  Clothing _____________________________  
   Food ______________  Entertainment/Other _____________________________  
   Transportation ______________  Dependent Care _____________________________  
   Utilities ______________  Total _____________________________

Certification: I certify that all the above information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I agree to provide additional information if required. I have read and understand the information on the back of this form.

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.

- Most 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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