

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

Student's Name: _____

Student ID: _____

2023-2024

**APPEAL TO BE CONSIDERED A SELF-SUPPORTING STUDENT
 DUE TO UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES**

Please submit to the Financial Aid Office:

- A signed, detailed statement outlining why you should be considered an independent student. (*The more detailed the statement, the better able we are 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 2021 and 2022 Federal Income Tax Return Transcripts from the IRS or other proof of income for 2021 and 2022 if a non-filer.

Please answer all the following questions:

1) What is the **amount and source** of income or financial support you received or will receive from your parents?
 (*This includes all personal expenses that are being covered by your parents on your behalf.*)

In 2021: _____

In 2022: _____

2) Did you live with your parents in 2021? _____ In 2022? _____

3) Did or will your parents claim as a tax exemption in 2021? _____ In 2022? _____

4) What is the **amount and source** of income or financial support you received or will receive from person(s) other than your parents?
 (*This includes all personal expenses that are being covered by others on your behalf.*)

In 2021: _____

In 2022: _____

5) Please itemize your annual expenses for 2022:

| | | | |
|----------------|-------|---------------------|-------|
| 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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Appeal Approved _____ **Appeal Denied** _____

Comments: _____
