

Name _____ UV ID _____ Phone _____

All correspondence will be sent to your UVLink account.

Your status is independent for the purpose of awarding Federal and State financial aid for the 2007-2008 award year if:

- You were born before January 1, 1984; or
- You were married at the time of filing your 2007-2008 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA); or
- You have a legal dependent other than a spouse, and you can document that you provide more than 50% of that person's support; or
- Both of your parents are deceased and you don't have an adoptive parent or legal guardian, or you are a ward of the court or you were a ward of the court until age 18; or
- You are currently serving on active duty in the United States Armed Forces for purposes other than training; or
- You are a veteran of the United States Armed Forces, or will be a veteran before June 30, 2008.

Students classified as dependent may appeal to be reclassified as independent based upon documented adverse family circumstances that make obtaining your parents' FAFSA information impossible. Examples of adverse conditions include severe estrangement from parents, an unsafe home environment, or unknown whereabouts of your parents. Extenuating family circumstances do not include financial hardship, a parent's unwillingness to provide financial support, or the fact that you are completely self-sufficient. In order for your appeal to be approved, you must be able to document that all financial and emotional contact with your parents has been severed as a result of the adverse family circumstance. Please carefully review the following information, select the statement which correctly identifies your situation, and submit documentation as directed.

9 I would like to request an extension of a Dependency Status Appeal which was previously approved at UVSC.

- ± Attach a letter of appeal which explains in detail your current situation and the reasons for which your Dependency Status Appeal should be re-approved.

9 I can document a long term estrangement, adverse home situation, or other qualifying circumstance.

- ± Attach a letter of appeal which explains in detail the history behind the estrangement, adverse home situation, or other circumstances, and the steps you have taken to establish yourself as independent from your parents.
- ± Attach **TWO** additional forms of documentation which support your claim. Include at least one form of documentation from a **professional** source such as: court documentation; or a detailed letter, on **letterhead**, from a counselor, therapist, psychologist, clergy member, attorney, or social worker. The second form of documentation may be from a **professional or personal** source. **NOTE:** A statement from a non-professional, such as a detailed letter from a family friend or relative who is familiar with the situation, **MUST** be **notarized**.

I understand this is a request that is subject to the professional judgement of the Financial Aid Appeals Committee. This request may be subject to further documentation. Committee decisions are final. Re-application is required each year. I certify that the information given in this appeal is accurate and complete.

Signature _____ Date _____

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Approved ' Denied ' Initials: _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ / Date _____

Appeal approved due to the following circumstances: _____

' Dependency Override Made ' FAA Adjustment ' RRAAREQ ' RHACOMM ' E-mail