



Financial Aid and Scholarships
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2015-2016 PETITION FOR INDEPENDENT STATUS

Student Name: Last

First

UID#

☐ **Please check this box if you will be enrolled at UCLA for Summer 2015.**

Please do not submit this petition if your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or your Dream Application has not been filed with the Federal Processor or the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) first. If your Petition for Independent Status is approved by the office of Financial Aid and Scholarships, UCLA will submit a dependency override to the Federal Processor or CSAC on your behalf. If your petition is denied, you will be instructed to provide parental information on your FAFSA or Dream application.

Students classified as dependent may file this petition to be reclassified as independent based upon adverse family conditions which make obtaining your parents' FAFSA or Dream application information impossible. 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 direct result of the adverse family condition. Please complete all steps as outlined in this form and return it to the office of Financial Aid and Scholarships for processing. *If your appeal for independent status was approved by UCLA in the past, you do not have to resubmit copies of documentation already in your file.*

Examples of eligible circumstances include:

- Severe estrangement from parents
- An unsafe domestic environment
- Unknown whereabouts of parents

Examples of non-eligible circumstances include:

- Financial hardship
- Parents' desire NOT to provide financial support to the student
- A student's ability to be self-sufficient

STEP 1: Personal & Professional Statements

Please check one of the following boxes and explain in detail the extenuating family circumstances that you believe warrant review of your dependency status in the space provided below. You may attach additional sheets of paper if more space is needed beyond what has been provided.

In addition to your personal statement, a letter, on official letterhead, from a professional (counselor, social worker, therapist, member of the clergy, etc.) substantiating and documenting the existence of your adverse family circumstances **AND** a second letter from a person having comprehensive knowledge regarding the existence of the adverse condition must be provided with this petition.

☐ I am submitting the Petition for Independent Status for initial consideration during the 2015-2016 academic year. I understand that if my appeal is approved, I must submit a Petition for Independent Status for each subsequent year I wish to receive financial aid.

☐ My Petition for Independent Status was approved in a prior academic year. Federal Regulations require me to submit a statement verifying that the documented adverse family circumstances still exist. ***A detailed statement of my current situation is being provided in the space below.***

STEP 2: 2014 Income Verification

Please answer the following questions.

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| 1. When was the last date you had contact with your parents? | |
| 2. When did you last live with your parents? | |
| 3. Have your parents provided you with support in the last 12 months (support includes cash, housing, food, gifts, medical insurance, loans, college costs, etc.) ? If yes, please list type and amount. TYPE A. _____ AMOUNT \$ _____ B. _____ AMOUNT \$ _____ | Y N |
| 4. List your 2014 income from: | |
| A. Work: | \$ |
| B. Untaxed Sources (for example: child support received, Veterans non-education benefits, tax exempt interest income, payments to tax deferred pension and savings plans, etc.): | \$ |
| C. Financial Aid (attach a copy of your Financial Aid Notification letter if you attended a school different than UCLA for the previous academic year): | \$ |
| TOTAL | \$ |

5. Please check one of the following boxes:

- ☐ I have attached a copy of my 2014 Federal Income Tax form 1040/1040A/1040EZ, along with all schedules and W-2's.
- ☐ I have not and will not file a Federal Income Tax form 1040/1040A/1040EZ for 2014, but have attached my W-2's.
- ☐ I did not work at all during 2014. I have explained how I supported myself financially in my written statement.

STEP 3: Domicile Verification

You must attach documentation that verifies your current living situation. Please check one of the following boxes.

- ☐ I have attached a copy of my current lease or rental agreement verifying that I no longer reside in my parents' household.
- ☐ I do not have a current lease or rental agreement for my place of residence. However, I am providing a signed statement from my current landlord/roommate verifying my tenancy. My documentation includes the following information: address of residence, first date of tenancy, and monthly amount of rent paid.

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT: I certify that all information reported on this form is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I have also attached all required documentation if necessary. I understand that purposely falsifying information may lead to a cancellation of my aid and prevent me from receiving financial aid in future academic years.

Student Signature

Date