

2021-2022 PETITION FOR INDEPENDENT STATUS

Student Name: Last First UID#

Check this box if you plan to enroll for Summer 2021 (a separate Summer Aid Application is Required)

Please only submit this petition if you have already completed and submitted your FAFSA or Dream Act application. 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 STATEMENT

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.

My Petition for Independent Status was approved at UCLA 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 (Attach a separate sheet if necessary).*

I am submitting the Petition for Independent Status for initial consideration during the 2021-2022 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. *A detailed statement of my current situation is being provided in the space below (Attach a separate sheet if necessary).*

STEP 2: CONTACT WITH PARENT

Please answer the following questions:

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.		Y
TYPE	AMOUNT	
A. _____	\$ _____	
B. _____	\$ _____	N

In addition to your personal statement, the documents outlined here in STEP 3 are required in order to process your independent appeal. Independent appeals will not be accepted if either of the documents outlined below are not provided.

4. List your 2019 income from (**mask first five digits of all Social Security Numbers**):

A. Work: <input type="checkbox"/> I have attached a copy of my 2019 IRS Tax Return Transcript <input type="checkbox"/> I have not and were not required to file a Federal Income Tax return for 2019, but have attached my 2019 W-2's. <input type="checkbox"/> I did not work at all during 2019.	\$
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	\$

STEP 3: PROFESSIONAL STATEMENT & WITNESS STATEMENT (SKIP IF PETITION FOR INDEPENDENT STATUS WAS APPROVED IN A PRIOR YEAR AS INDICATED IN STEP 1)

- I have attached a ***Signed*** statement from a professional: counselor, social worker, therapist, case manager, member of the clergy, etc. (must not be a friend or relative) on official letterhead substantiating and documenting the existence of my adverse family circumstance.
- AND***
- I have attached a ***Signed*** statement from a witness (friend, relative, etc.) having comprehensive knowledge regarding the existence of the adverse condition must be provided with this petition.

STEP 4: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

If you have additional supporting documentation that demonstrates your adverse family circumstances, it is recommended that you submit these documents along with this appeal.

Examples of additional documents may include:

- Police reports/proof of incarcerated parent.
- Applicable docs that can support the Personal Statement

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* *Electronic signatures are NOT acceptable.*

Date

HOW TO SUBMIT

ONLINE:

Log on to MyUCLA > click Finances and Jobs tab > under Financial Aid and Scholarships click > View All Documents. > Click on Appeal > Attach form as necessary

FAX

Fax: 310-267-4143
Attn: UCLA Financial Aid and Scholarships