

DEPENDENCY STATUS APPEAL

Name: _____	SSN: _____ - _____ - _____
	SID: _____
Address: _____ _____	City: _____
	State: _____ Zip Code: _____ - _____
Telephone: (_____) _____ - _____	Email: _____

Eligibility for assistance is based on students and their parents as the primary responsible parties in paying for education. You are considered a dependent student if the directions on your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) instruct you to provide parental information then for federal, state and institutional student aid. This designation is set forth by federal law in the Higher Education Act.

If parental information is not provided when required, your FAFSA is not valid and therefore you will not be awarded any student aid. Students with unusual and extraordinary circumstances may appeal the dependency status requirement.

Unusual circumstances are not:

1. Parents refusing to contribute to your education;
2. Parents unwilling to provide information on the application or to Seattle Central College;
3. Parents not claiming you as a dependent on their tax return;
4. You have been living, completely self-sufficient, on your own.

If you feel that your circumstances make it impossible to provide parental information and you meet a different condition than described above, you may appeal your financial aid dependency status. In order to substantiate and document your unusual circumstances you must complete the following,

- 1) Submit a signed and dated statement. Provide information of your parents' whereabouts, the last time you lived with them. When was your last contact with them? Why do you no longer have contact? Other unusual circumstances that should be considered.
- 2) Attach statements from an unbiased third party who is aware of your circumstances and can corroborate the facts you present. Examples of such persons are those whom you have worked with before, clergy, social workers, counselors, teachers, law enforcement officers and court officials or copies of court documents.

If steps one and two are not completed and all questions answered, your appeal will not be approved. The appeal must be confirmed each award year. If you were considered independent at another institution this cannot be transferred to Seattle Central College, by law, each school you attend must make their own determination

I certify that I understand all the requirements and conditions necessary to appeal my dependency status.

Signature: _____

Date: _____