



Student Financial Services
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Deadline Date: Appeal form and supporting documentation, at least 30 days prior to your last date of enrollment in the semester for which it applies.

2020–2021 Dependency Status Appeal Form

Student Name _____ G# _____

Federal student aid programs are based on the premise that the parent(s) of traditional college age students (younger than 24) have the primary responsibility to pay for their child's college education. If a student has extenuating circumstances, they can request to have their situation reviewed for independent student status consideration by completing this form and providing supporting documentation.

All requests are carefully considered; however, submitting this form and any supporting documentation does not guarantee an approval. A decision will be made by Student Financial Services at Oakland University. The decision will be final and cannot be appealed to the U.S. Department of Education.

Examples of circumstances that **DO NOT** qualify a student to be approved for independent status are the following:

- Student considers themselves self-sufficient
- Parent's refusal to provide information
- Student is no longer living at home
- Student is living at home and paying rent
- Student does not want their parents' assistance

If one of the following circumstances applies to you, please check the category, attach required documentation and submit to Student Financial Services at Oakland University (by mail, email, or in person).

Incomplete appeals will be denied.

- One of your parents is no longer living and your other parent is living;** however, you have not had contact with or received any financial support from the living parent for a significant period of time.

Suggested Documentation:

- A letter from you explaining the situation between you and your natural parent who is living
- A copy of the death certificate of the deceased parent(s)
- Copy of your 2018 Federal Tax Return Transcript, W-2 and 1099 forms and all schedules. If you did not work in 2018, provide a letter documenting your financial resources in 2018.

- Your family situation is untenable** and might have been the result from physical or emotional abuse, drug or alcohol abuse or other untenable situation that makes it impossible for you to live with and be supported by your parent(s).

Suggested Documentation:

- A letter from you explaining the situation between you and your parent(s)
- A letter on official letterhead from social worker, psychologist, doctor or other counseling professional outside of Oakland University who is treating you and has first-hand knowledge of the situation
- Police reports and/or court reports, if applicable
- Documentation from a social agency, if applicable
- Copy of your 2018 Federal Tax Return Transcript, W-2 and 1099 forms and all schedules. If you did not work in 2018, provide a letter documenting your financial resources in 2018.

A Dependency Status Appeal Form must be submitted each year an appeal is requested.

By signing this form I certify that all the information submitted is complete and correct.

Student Signature _____ Date _____