



# Request for Review of Dependency Status 2023-2024

When you complete your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA,) you are required to answer questions to determine your dependency status (see "Review Your Dependency Status" on the <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa> website.) If you are unable to answer "Yes" to any of those questions, and you feel there are extenuating circumstances, you can complete this form and submit it to the Financial Aid Office for review.

Please note the following:

- The following conditions **DO NOT**, singly or in combination, qualify as extenuating circumstances:
  - The unwillingness of your parent(s) to provide parental data on your FAFSA
  - The unwillingness or inability of your parent(s) to financially support your education
  - Demonstration of your financial independence, including not residing with your parents
  
- The following circumstances **MAY** be given consideration:
  - Student's voluntary or involuntary removal from their parent's home due to an extreme situation that threatens the student's health and/or safety
  - Incapacity of parents, such as incarceration, mental or physical illness or the inability of the student to locate their parent(s)
  - Other extenuating circumstances that can be sufficiently documented
  
- Filing this request for review of dependency status does not guarantee it will be approved or increase your financial aid
  
- If your request is approved, it is only for the 2023-24 academic year. You will need to submit a new request the following year if you do not meet the FAFSA guidelines for independent status.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please return the following documents to the **Financial Aid Office**:

- Complete this form
- Complete and attach these documents:
  - Verification Worksheet Dependent 2023-2024 form (*Located at [www.metrotech.edu/financial-aid](http://www.metrotech.edu/financial-aid)*)
  - A signed 2021 federal tax return "or" IRS Tax Transcript; and
  - W-2 forms
- A signed letter including the following:
  - The circumstances that you believe make you independent
  - Identify the location of your parents, if known, and your last date of contact with them
  - The amount of monetary support you received or will receive from your parents in 2023-24
  - How you have provided for yourself, including support received from family and friends (identify a monetary amount for the 2022 calendar year)
- Two letters from a third party verifying your circumstances:
  - One **must** be from a professional (clergy member, guidance counselor, teacher, professor, doctor, family counselor, mental health professional, law enforcement officer, etc.)
  - The other letter can be from a professional or non-professional individual

I certify that all information reported is complete and correct and that I have attached the above documentation.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature (non-electronic)

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Date