



2023-2024 Request for Independent Status Due to Unusual Circumstance

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Student Name:

Tech ID:

You have indicated that the FAFSA's determination of your status as a dependent student may not be accurate. To request your status be changed to independent for this FAFSA year, please provide the following information. **Please make sure** each item is signed and includes your name and Minneapolis College student ID.

1. Please indicate the unusual circumstance that pertains to you:
 - Human trafficking, as described in the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000
 - Legally granted refugee or asylum status
 - Parent abandonment or estrangement
 - Student or parental incarceration
 - Other, Explain
2. Please provide documentation to support your claim above. This may include (but not limited) to the following:
 - A written statement, which confirms the unusual circumstances with:
 - A state, county, or Tribal welfare agency
 - An independent living case worker
 - A public or private agency, facility, or program servicing the victims of abuse, neglect, assault, or violence.
 - A written statement from an attorney, guardian ad litem, court-appointed special advocate, or other representative.
 - A court order or official Federal or State documentation that the student or student's parents are incarcerated.
 - A written, personal statement regarding the circumstances of your relationship with both parents. Include your contact information so a financial aid administrator can contact you to review and confirm your statement.

Please be sure each of the above items is included along with this form. A committee reviews all Requests for Independent Status and provides feedback regarding the status of your request within two weeks of submission. (Requests submitted without required documentation may delay the processing time.)

By signing, I attest that all information provided is complete and accurate. I acknowledge that knowingly submitting false or misleading information or documentation could result in a fine, imprisonment, or both, loss of financial aid eligibility, and dismissal from Minneapolis College.

Student Signature:

Date:

Submit this form to Student Services T.2100 or use the Secure Dropbox:

[General Financial Aid Documents - Financial Aid - Jira Service Management \(atlassian.net\)](#)

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Date of Determination:

Appeal is: Approved / Denied / Pending

Determination Criteria: