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# 2024-2025 Request for Independent Status Due to Unusual Circumstance

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Student Name

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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 circumstance 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.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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