

2024-25 Dependency Appeal Request

Student Last Name:

First:

UA Student ID #: _____

Under federal guidelines, most traditionally undergraduate students are automatically considered dependent upon their parents. However, student may have extenuating circumstances that warrant special consideration for independent status.

Extenuating circumstances include, but are not limited to, estrangement, abuse, abandonment, or other irreconcilable differences that are properly documented.

Extenuating circumstances do not include any of the following situations: self-sufficiency, parent(s) refusal to complete the FAFSA, provide required documents, student's refusal to request information from parent(s), student is not claimed as an exemption by parent(s) for federal income tax purposes, or parent(s) refusal or inability to provide financial support for college expenses.

****BEFORE SUBMITTING THIS FORM, EMAIL uaverif@uakron.edu TO NOTIFY US YOU INTEND TO FILL OUT THIS FORM****

Section A: Letters of Explanation/Support. This form must be accompanied by the following:

First-time request at the University of Akron:

A signed and detailed letter from you, the student, explaining the extenuating circumstance, including your relationship with both biological/adoptive parents.

A separate letter from an independent third party source (ie. counselor, medical authority, clergy, court, government agency) who can attest firsthand to the extenuating circumstances. This letter must be signed and detailed with as much information about the situation as possible.

Request for renewal for previously approved dependency appeal at the University of Akron:

A new, signed statement indicating your relationship status with your biological/adoptive parents.

Section B: Financial Documentation ALL documentation is required before your request can be reviewed.

Your 2022 Federal Tax Return Transcript or successful use of the IRS Retrieval Tool (see www.uakron.edu/finaid/taxinfo for guidance)

Your 2022 W2(s) - only submit if you were not required to file a 2022 federal tax return with the IRS

If you did not work/are not working, provide a statement about how you are supported (expenses such as medical, car, etc.) and by whom those expenses are paid. Include a statement that you did not/were not required to file a tax return in 2022.

Section C: Other people. Are you providing/will you provide more than 50% of the support for anyone else from 7/1/24- 6/30/25?

No. Yes. Indicate name(s), age(s), and relationship(s) to:

Section D: Certification:

I certify that all of the information reported is complete and accurate. Warning: If you purposely give false or misleading information on this form, you may be fined, sentenced to jail both. © 2024 University of Akron. All rights reserved. P: 330.925.4200 | F: 330.925.4200 | T: 330.925.4200 | E: uaverif@uakron.edu | J: 1 034385D 0.5293D 28
