



Unusual Circumstances - Dependency Override

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Personal Information

Aid Year: 26/27

LLU ID# or Social Security Number: _____

Name: Last _____ First _____ Middle _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Independent Appeal Form

If you are classified as a dependent student based upon information provided on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), you may complete this form to appeal for reclassification.

Dependent students may request reclassification as independent if they can document adverse and unusual family circumstances that make it impossible or unfeasible to obtain their parents' FAFSA information. Examples of adverse circumstances include severe parental abandonment or estrangement, parental incarceration, an unsafe home environment, or being in the U.S. alone with legally granted refugee or asylum status. Circumstances that do not qualify for reclassification include financial hardship, a parent's unwillingness to provide information, or the student demonstrating complete self-sufficiency. To be considered for approval, you must provide documentation supporting the existence of an unusual circumstance.

Include the following information in your request:

- A detailed narrative explaining the unusual/adverse family circumstances.
- Supporting documentation to substantiate the unusual circumstances. May include court orders, a written statement from an attorney or guardian, documentation by a financial aid administrator at another institution, and/or written information from state or county welfare agencies or organizations serving victims of abuse, neglect, or violence.
- Verification of your 2024 and 2025 income.
- Verification of your current living arrangements. (May include rental agreement, utility bills, health insurance, etc.)

Section A: Please check the appropriate box

- ☐ I am submitting the Independent Appeal form for initial consideration during the 2026-2027 academic year. I understand that If my appeal is approved, I must submit a statement verifying that the documented adverse family circumstances still exist for each subsequent year I wish to receive financial aid.
- ☐ My Independent Appeal was approved at LLU in a prior academic year. I am re-verifying that the documented adverse family circumstances still exist in the section B of this form, per Federal Regulations.

****Please also complete sections C, D and the Certification Statement below.**

Please Note: All required documents must be submitted with this form.

Section B:

When was the last date you had contact with your parents? (MM/YYYY) _____ / _____

When did you last live with your parents? (MM/YYYY) _____ / _____

Have your parents provided you will support in the last 12 months? (Support includes; cash, housing, food, gifts, medical insurance, loans, college costs, etc.) ☐ No ☐ Yes (If yes, list type of support received and amount)

Type of Support received

Amount

\$ _____
\$ _____

If you have any questions, please email Finaid@llu.edu or call (909) 558-4509

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Please explain in detail the extenuating family circumstances that you believe warrant review of your dependency status. If you have had an independent appeal approved by LLU in the past, you do not have to resubmit copies of the documentation already in your file. Please attach a separate sheet if you need more space.

Section C: Verification of 2024 Income

- ☐ I have provided consent and approval on my 2026-2027 FAFSA to import tax return data.
- ☐ I have provided consent and approval but no income data was obtain or could not be used. As a result, I have attached a copy of my 2024 IRS Federal Tax Return Transcript or a signed copy of my 2024 Federal Tax Return and 2024 W-2 forms.
- ☐ I have not, and will not, file a 2024 Federal Income Tax return

Earnings and/or Other Income:

During 2024 , I had income/earnings from the following sources in the amounts listed below: (Attach a copy of each 2024 W-2 form)

1. _____	\$ _____
2. _____	\$ _____
3. _____	\$ _____
4. _____	\$ _____
Total \$ _____	

Section D: Verification of Current Living Arrangements

- ☐ I have attached a copy of my current lease or rental agreement verifying that I no longer reside in my parent's household.
- ☐ I do not have a current lease or rental agreement for my place of residence. However, I am providing a signed statement from my current landlord/roommate verifying my tenancy. (Include the following information: address of resident, first date of tenancy and monthly rent payment)

Required Signatures

I certify that all the information reported on this form is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that this information will be used to determine my eligibility for financial aid and that false or misleading information may be cause for termination of aid and repayment of funds received.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____ / _____ / _____

Return form to:

LLU Office of Financial Aid / 11139 Anderson St. / Loma Linda, CA 92350 / Fax# (909) 558-4283

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