



## 2023-24 Dependency Appeal Request

Student Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_

UA Student ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

Under federal guidelines, most traditional-age undergraduate students are automatically considered dependent upon their parents. However, a 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 or 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.

**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 first-hand 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 2021 Federal Tax Return Transcript or successful use of the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (See [www.uakron.edu/finaid/taxinfo](http://www.uakron.edu/finaid/taxinfo) for guidance)
- Your 2021 W2(s) - *only submit if you were not required to file a 2021 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 phone, 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 2021.

**Section C: Other people.** Are you providing/will you provide more than 50% of the support for anyone else from 7/1/23- 6/30/24?

- No.     Yes. Indicate name(s), age(s), and relationship(s) to you: \_\_\_\_\_

**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, or both. **Electronic signatures will not be accepted.**

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**When all required documents have been gathered**, you may submit all requested documents via the Upload Tool in the Student Center of MyAkron, fax to 330-972-7139, deliver to our office on the 2nd floor of Simmons Hall, or by mail to us at Office of Student Financial Aid, University of Akron, Akron, OH 44325-6211. **Please note:** Your request may not be approved nor result in an increase of your financial aid eligibility. You will be notified of the result of your request via email sent to your official UA email address. **Watch for two-sided documents. Be sure to include both sides when faxing. Do not email any documents with personally identifiable information.**