

North Central State College

Financial Aid Office

DEPENDENCY APPEAL

Name _____ NCSC I.D. _____

Students of a traditional college age are almost always thought to be members of their parents' families, and their parents' financial resources are considered when the student's eligibility for financial aid is determined. In an *extremely unusual and compelling* situation, the College can rule that a student is a viable family by himself/herself and in such case, parent information is not required for the student's federal aid application. Living apart from parents and/or providing for one's own financial needs are not, by themselves, permissible reasons for altering dependency.

In addition to completing this form, you must submit **all of the following** to the Financial Aid Office before your dependency will be reviewed:

1. A statement from you fully explaining your relationship with your parents.
2. A written explanation of how your financial needs (housing, food, clothing, transportation, medical expenses, insurance, etc.) are provided for. Additionally, provide copies of your federal tax returns for the two most recent years if you filed.
3. If you were in court-ordered legal custody prior to your 18th birthday, provide a copy of the court order which establish custody. Also, complete a *Custody Worksheet*, a form which is obtained from the Financial Aid Office.
4. Letters from one or more persons with whom you have a *professional relationship*. The letters are to explain in detail the writer's observations and evaluations of the relationship between you and your parent/s. Acceptable writers include school personnel, court officials, counselors, social workers, church representatives, community leaders, etc., and letters should be on the writer's agency letterhead. Letters from friends and relatives are not acceptable.
5. Any other pertinent information which will help explain your dependency status.

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COMPLETE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

Parent #1 - Name _____ Relationship to you _____

Address (street/city/state/zip) _____

_____ Phone _____

Do you have any contact with this parent? Yes No

If yes, explain _____

If no, when did you last have contact with this parent? _____

Parent #2 - Name _____ Relationship to you _____

Address (street/city/state/zip) _____

_____ Phone _____

Do you have any contact with this parent? Yes No

If yes, explain _____

If no, when did you last have contact with this parent? _____

CERTIFICATION

I certify that all of the information in this appeal and in all supporting documentation is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If asked, I agree to provide additional supporting documentation. I understand that if I purposely give false or misleading information with regards to this appeal, I am violating Federal Law, and I may be subject to a fine, imprisonment, or both.

Student signature _____ Date _____

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CUSTODY WORKSHEET

This form is to be used in conjunction with a *Dependency Appeal*. Responses should be as complete as possible so that those reviewing your dependency have a thorough understanding of your family situation. Contact the Financial Aid Office should you have any questions regarding this form or about any aspect of the dependency appeal process. Thank you for your assistance.

➔ In addition to answering these questions, provide a copy of the legal decree which established your custody status.

Name (print) _____ NCSC ID _____

1. At any time since you turned age 13, were you in the legal custody of someone other than your parents?

(yes or no) _____ If yes, who has or had legal custody of you? What is the custodian's relationship to you?

2. At what age were you placed in legal custody? _____

If not currently in custody, at what age did custody end? _____

If custody ended prior to your turning 18, why did it end? _____

3. Have you had more than one legal custodian? If yes, explain.

4. Why were you removed from of the custody of your parents?

5. Do you have siblings? _____ Do your parents have custody of them? _____

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6. If your parents do not have custody of your siblings, who does and why? _____

7. Does or did your custodian pay for all of your material needs? _____ If no, identify all others who contribute or contributed toward your financial upkeep and estimate the percentage paid by each.

8. Legal custody usually ends at age 18. If under 18, where will you live when you turn 18, and how will you support yourself? If 18 or older, where have you lived since turning 18, and how have you supported yourself?

9. Do you have any contact with your parents? _____ If yes, describe your relationship with them? If no, when did you last have contact with them?

10. Are our parents willing to complete the parent section of your FAFSA? _____

11. Provide any additional information that you feel will help us understand your custody situation.

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