

The basic premise of federal financial aid is that students and parents have the primary obligation to finance post-secondary education to the extent that they are able. This form is to be used by those financial aid applicants who are seeking a review of their dependency status based upon circumstances not addressed in current federal dependency definitions. **[Note: If you have the official documentation that you were in a legal guardianship, ward of the court, emancipation, or HUD/official homeless liaison, you do NOT need to complete this form. We just need a copy of official documentation submitted to the Office of Financial Aid.]**

The information requested on this form will be reviewed by the Office of Financial Aid. All supporting documentation should be attached to this form.

## STUDENT INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

## REQUIRED STEPS

1. **Required Documentation:** Submit appropriate third-party documentation from a professional (counselor, physician, lawyer, clergy, etc.) which verifies your estrangement from your parents or your parents' unavailability to help you in this application process. NOTE: Appeals submitted without appropriate third-party documentation will not be reviewed.

**Depending on your situation, below are examples of documentation we would need to review:**

- i. Homelessness – Statement regarding your current living situation.
- ii. Mental/Physical Incapacitation – Statement regarding current health situation.
- iii. Incarceration – Submit the court order or official federal or state documentation that your parents or legal guardians are incarcerated.

2. **Student Statement:** Statement describing your situation in your own words.

Submit all required documentation as well as student statement to the Office of Financial Aid as soon as possible after receipt of your letter of ineligibility. You will be notified in writing (either postal mail or Edison State email) regarding any decision on your appeal.

## CERTIFICATION

I certify that all the information and documentation that I have submitted pertaining to this appeal is true and complete.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Denied \_\_\_\_\_

FAA: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_