



**Submit petition and documentation to Cabrillo Financial Aid & Scholarships Office.**

Dependency Status Petition

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Federal laws expect your parents' to have the primary responsibility of paying for your educational expenses. If the directions on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) instruct you to provide your parent's information, then, by federal regulations, you are considered dependent. If there are special circumstances and you cannot obtain parental information, the Financial Aid Office may consider a petition for an override of federal regulations. This may apply to situations where the student's physical or emotional welfare is jeopardized by contact with the parent or some other extreme circumstance exists. In such cases, the student must complete this form and provide additional written documentation to substantiate his/her situation.

**Documentation is critical and necessary in making this decision.**

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

**Student's Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

**I have a previous dependency petition on file with the Cabrillo Financial Aid & Scholarships Office. I certify that my circumstances have not changed.**  YES → If yes, STOP here and SIGN back of petition.  NO. Continue with petition.

**Parents' Information**

Mother

Father

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

1.) Explain in detail the circumstances contributing to the break in relationship between you and your parents and why you cannot obtain parental information. You may attach a separate page.

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**SIGNATURE REQUIRED ON BACK →**

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2.) What are your present living arrangements? (Whom do you live with? Since what date? How much rent do you pay each month?) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3.) How do you support yourself? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4.) When was the last time you had any contact with your parent(s)? \_\_\_\_\_  
Month / Year

5.) When was the last time you lived with your parent(s)? \_\_\_\_\_  
Month / Year

6.) When was the last time your parent(s) provided any form of support? \_\_\_\_\_  
Month / Year

7.) You must attach any and all documents that will support your request to be considered an independent student. Examples of documents could be a statement on official letterhead from a social service agency representative, therapist, clergy, court official, and/or High School educator who is knowledgeable of your situation. **Submit petition and documentation to the Cabrillo Financial Aid & Scholarships Office.**

8.) Please initial each statement below.

*I understand that the information provided may be used to override federal regulations regarding my dependency status.*

*I understand that if I re-establish contact with my parent(s) or receive any kind of support from them, I must report this to the Financial Aid Office immediately.*

**I certify, under penalty of perjury, that the information reported on this form and any attachments hereto is true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false statements or misrepresentation will be cause for denial, reduction, withdrawal, and/or repayment of financial aid.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Financial Aid Applicant)

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY School Year \_\_\_\_\_

FAA Access

Accepted  Denied Reason for action: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Financial Aid Administrator

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

RETURN FORM TO: Aptos Campus • 6500 Soquel Drive, Bldg. 100 • Aptos, CA 95003 • (831) 479-6415  
OR Watsonville Center • 318 Union Street • Watsonville, CA 95076 • (831) 477-5133

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## Directions for Dependency Status Petition

Before submitting this form, you **MUST** do the following:

- 1) Submit a FAFSA online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) with the Cabrillo College school code **001124**.
  
- 2) Attach documentation that will support your petition.  
A statement on official letterhead from a social service agency representative, therapist, clergy, court official, and/or high school educator who is knowledgeable of your situation.



- ⇒ Your petition cannot be processed until we have received your FAFSA.
- ⇒ Incomplete petitions will not be reviewed and will be returned to the student.
- ⇒ Results of your petition will be emailed within 2 weeks.

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