

Student Name _____ ID or SSN _____

Mailing Address _____
Street City State Zip Code

Email Address _____ Telephone _____

The instructions on the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) require you to provide parental information. If you are unable to provide parental information and believe you should be classified as an independent student (reporting only student income and assets), complete this form and provide the required documentation. For financial aid purposes, a parent is defined as your **biological, adoptive and/or stepparent**. Legal guardians and other relatives are not considered parents for financial aid purposes, and you should not use their information when completing the FAFSA. Your request will be reviewed, and you will be notified of the decision.

Please note: A parent's refusal to contribute to the student's education, a parent's unwillingness to provide information on the FAFSA, a parent not claiming the student as a dependent for income tax purposes and a student demonstrating total self-sufficiency are not sufficient reason(s) to grant a dependency appeal.

If you have a dependency evaluation request approved for a previous academic year and your circumstances have not changed, you must resubmit this form with a statement verifying that your circumstances remain the same. You do not have to provide documentation again.

Return this form and all requested documentation below to the Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships:

1. Provide a typed and signed letter explaining in detail why parental information cannot be reported. Explain the unusual circumstances and why you should be considered an independent student.
2. Provide a typed and signed letter of explanation from a relative who is familiar with your situation. The family member must have firsthand knowledge and be able to verify your circumstances.
3. Provide a typed and signed letter of explanation from a non-family member (such as a minister, principal, counselor, teacher, etc.) who is familiar with your situation. Non-family letters must be on letterhead and include their contact information.
4. Other documentation that may support your claim of independence. Examples of other acceptable documentation include, but are not limited to, court documentation, police reports, letters or documents from other outside agencies such as DSS, etc.
5. If you filed a federal tax return for 2024, attach your 2024 Tax Return Transcript. For more information on requesting tax transcripts, visit our dedicated Forms & Documents page at <https://andersonuniversity.edu/admission/financial-aid/>.
6. If you were not required to (and did not) file a federal tax return for 2024, attach copies of all W2 form(s) provided by your employer(s) for 2024.

By my signature, I attest that all information submitted for my dependency evaluation is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature _____ Date _____

You must submit this signed form and ALL required documentation listed in #1-6 before your request can be processed.