

2019-2020 Self Supporting Status Appeal Form

The federal definition of a student who is considered independent from their parents generally involves students born before January 1, 1996. There are several federal exceptions to this definition such as:

- ✓ students who have legal dependents -- other than a spouse,
- ✓ students who are veterans of the armed services,
- ✓ students whose parents are both deceased, or
- ✓ students who are married.

If you weren't born before January 1, 1996 and don't meet any of the federal exceptions to be considered an independent student, you can request that the Student Aid Office at EMCC review your dependency status. Utilizing Professional Judgement our staff can override the federal standards for Dependency.

However, a student must have special family circumstances *which do not include a student's ability to support themselves or their claim they are "financially independent" from their parents.* A Dependency override is **granted only when there is documented, extenuating, circumstances such as abuse, neglect or abandonment that lead to a student's inability to provide parental information.** Federal Student Aid, Office of U.S. Department of Education, Dependency Status: <https://studentaid.ed.gov/fafsa/filling-out/dependency>

As a requirement of your self-supporting status appeal, you must ATTACH WRITTEN STATEMENTS FROM TWO (2) RESPONSIBLE ADULTS who are familiar with your situation and who are able to state why it would be inappropriate to require parental data on the financial aid application. **Incomplete Appeal forms will be returned to the student.**

EMCC Student ID	Date of Birth	Last Name	First Name	MI
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When returning this completed form, **attach written, signed & dated statements, from two responsible adults** who are familiar with your situation and are able to state why it would be inappropriate to require parental data on your financial aid application.

Explain why it is inappropriate to require your parental data when evaluating your eligibility for financial aid? Be very specific. You may attach an additional sheet if necessary.

Where have you been living since you stopped living with your parent's?
Be specific- list places and dates of residence, name and address of landlords and amount of rent(s) you paid.

How do you support yourself -- where do you work and what are your earnings been since you stopped living with your parents? Be very specific

Date of Employment	Name and Address of Employer	Weekly Earnings

Explain any periods of non-employment.

Have you received any other forms of income assistance since you stopped living with your parents?
(Be specific—List sources, amounts and dates of receipts.)

Are you currently covered by health insurance? Yes No

If you have health insurance, are you covered by your parent's insurance policy? Yes No

Do you own your car? Yes No

If you own your car, list the make, model, and year: _____

If you own your car, is it paid off? Yes No

If your car is not paid off, how is your car financed?

i.e. Bank? Credit Union? Personal loan with a family member -- parent, sibling, or grandparent?

Purchase price of your car: \$ _____

Is your car insurance in your name? Yes No

If your car insurance is in your name, what is your yearly cost? \$ _____

Are you covered by your parent's car insurance policy? Yes No

Please provide us with any additional information you feel would assist us in evaluation your situation.
You may attach additional sheet if necessary.

I certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Student's Signature

(Date)

Return form by mail to Student Aid Office, EMCC, Katahdin Hall, 354 Hogan Road, Bangor, ME 04401 **or** email to fadocs@emcc.edu.

We cannot guarantee that this dependency appeal will be reviewed prior to the start of the academic year. It will be reviewed as time allows based on academic year processing and you will be notified of the decision of the Financial Aid Office.