

Colorado College

Appeal for Consideration of Unusual Circumstances

Name (Last Name, First Name)

Student ID

Student Email

Per federal guidelines, "unusual circumstances" refers to conditions that may justify a financial aid office adjusting a student's dependency status based on a unique situation. Such an adjustment is more commonly referred to as a "dependency override." If you believe you are experiencing an unusual circumstance and would like to request a financial aid dependency override, **you must complete and submit the form below to the CC Financial Aid Office** as well as provide any requested supporting documentation for your stated circumstance. Appellants should receive a decision on their request within 10 business days of them submitting all requested and required documentation to the CC Financial Aid Office. Appeals may be denied, approved for federal aid eligibility, or approved for both federal and institutional aid eligibility. All appeals for unusual circumstances are assessed and adjudicated by the staff in the CC Financial Aid Office.

Examples (though not an exhaustive list) of possible unusual circumstances include:

- Victim of human trafficking
- Parent incarceration
- Refugee with no parent support
- Documented parental abuse

A parent's unwillingness to pay for a student's higher education or unwillingness to complete the financial aid application process is not considered an unusual circumstance per federal guidelines.

Please outline (with detail) in this box why you are making this appeal.

In order to expedite the processing of this appeal, it is recommended you provide supporting documentation with your appeal form. Documentation examples include:

- Submission of a court order or official Federal or State documentation that the student's parents or legal guardian are incarcerated.
- Written statement from
 - A state, county, or Tribal welfare agency;
 - an independent living case worker who supports current and former foster youth with the transition to adulthood;
 - a public or private agency, facility, or program servicing the victims of abuse, neglect, assault, or violence
 - guardian ad litem or court-appointed special advocate (or similar) that confirms the circumstances and their relationship to the student
- Written statement from a representative at an institution of higher education that confirms the circumstances and their relationship to the student

If further documentation is required upon review of the appeal, the email addresses provided will be utilized as the means of communication with the appellant. Students are responsible for responding to such emails within 10 days with all requested documentation or this appeal will be closed.

Student Signature

Date

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