2026-2027 Dependency Status Review Request Form

Student's Information

Student's Last Name / Student's First Name	Student ID Number
Student's Street Address (include apt #)	Student's Date of Birth
City / State / Zip Code	Student's Email Address
Student's Home Phone Number (Include Area Code)	Student's Alternative or Cell Phone Number

DEPENDENCY STATUS

The underlying principle of need analysis for federal financial aid is that parents have an obligation to finance the education of their child(ren) to the extent they are able. The analysis measures ability to pay, not willingness. If there are extenuating circumstances that have caused a break in the normal parent/child relationship, or if you have married since filing your FAFSA, you may appeal to the financial aid office to have your status reviewed. The unwillingness of your parent(s) to provide parental data on your financial aid application or to financially support your education, or your unwillingness to seek financial assistance from your parent(s) is NOT an acceptable reason to appeal your dependency status. Having sufficient resources to pay your own expenses is also not considered an extenuating circumstance for determining dependency status.

REQUESTS FOR REVIEW

It is important to understand that a student who is declared independent as a direct outcome of this appeal would be considered independent by professional judgment at this college only. Also note that this review could potentially decrease your student financial aid eligibility. You will be notified of the decision on your MyIvy account and/or Ivy Tech email account within 30 calendar days after submitting your documentation to the Financial Aid Office.

INSTRUCTIONS:

☐ **Step 1:** File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for 2026-2027.

☐ **Step 2:** Complete Section 1 and then provide a brief description of the extenuating circumstance in Section 2 below.

SECTION 1: REASON FOR DEPENDENCY REVIEW

If one of the following circumstances applies to your situation, please check the category and provide the required documentation. (Additional documentation may be requested.) **INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.**

[ ] Both parents/adoptive parents are deceased. Submit documents listed below:

- ☐ Copy of death certificates

[ ] My custodial parent has died and the other parent is still living. Submit documents listed below.

- ☐ Copy of the death certificate of the deceased custodial parent
- ☐ Documentation of the custodial relationship (for example, a court document, a copy of the divorce decree, or other evidence the deceased was the custodial parent)
- ☐ Letter from you explaining the relationship you currently maintain with your surviving parent
- ☐ Letter from an objective third party (i.e. minister, social worker, counselor, teacher, doctor, or other professional) on letterhead that supports the nature of your current relationship with your surviving parent

[ ] I have been separated from my parents due to an unsafe home environment. (Note: The separation may be the result of physical abuse, emotional abuse, or drug and/or alcohol abuse.) Submit documents listed below:

- ☐ Letter from you explaining the situation in detail, and
- ☐ Letter from an objective third party (i.e. minister, social worker, counselor, teacher, doctor, or other professional) on letterhead paper explaining the situation in detail, or
- ☐ One or more of the following:

  [ ] Letter from an adult who is an **independent** third party (non-relative or non-friend) that knows your situation and can support your statement; i.e., parents of a friend, neighbor, or employer. The letter must include an introduction of the individual writing the letter and explain how he/she knows and can attest to the facts of the unsafe environment.

  [ ] Copies of police reports

  [ ] Copies of court reports

  [ ] Documentation from a social service agency

  [ ] Other supporting documentation

[ ] I am currently not living with my parents. Submit documents listed below:

- ☐ Letter from you explaining the situation in detail
- ☐ Letters from objective third parties (i.e. minister, social worker, counselor, teacher, doctor, or other professional) on letterhead that supports your situation

[ ] I have married since filing my FAFSA. Submit documents listed below:

- ☐ Copy of your marriage certificate (not license), signed and dated by officiate.

SECTION 2: FINANCIAL INFORMATION

If you are now married, please include your spouse's information for both years.

INCOME (If any amounts are zero, please explain on a separate sheet	Actual 2025	Estimated 2026
Earned income (e.g., wages, salaries, tips, work-study earnings)	_____	_____
Financial support received from parents	_____	_____
Monetary value of other support received from parents (e.g., health insurance, room & board)	_____	_____
Monetary value of other support (e.g., room & board) from persons other than parents (identify source)	_____	_____
Amount of other annual income (identify source)	_____	_____
TOTAL INCOME	_____	_____

EXPENSES (If any amounts are zero, please explain on a separate sheet)	Actual 2025	Estimated 2026
Housing	_____	_____
Food	_____	_____
Transportation (e.g., car payments, insurance, gas, maintenance)	_____	_____
Utilities	_____	_____
Child and/or dependent care	_____	_____
Personal (e.g., clothing, entertainment)	_____	_____
Other (indicate type)	_____	_____
TOTAL EXPENSES	_____	_____
My parent(s) or stepparent(s) own the property on which I reside.	[ ] Yes	[ ] No

Step 3: Submit this form and all required documentation to the Financial Aid Office and ask to speak with a financial aid advisor.

Step 4: Complete all outstanding financial aid requirements on MyIvy.

I (We) certify that all of the information on this form is complete and correct. I (We) understand that giving false or misleading information may result in the loss of financial aid and that I (we) may be fined, be sentenced to jail, or both. **Please print this document and sign. Electronic signatures are not acceptable.**

_____ _____

Student's signature and date | Parent signature and date (dependent students only)

You can either mail, hand deliver to Ivy Tech or securely upload this completed, signed form along with all supporting documentation. Please contact the financial aid office if you have additional questions.

Locations can be found here: https://www.ivytech.edu/tuition-aid/financial-aid/

Scan QR Code
for Secure File Transfer

SECTION 3: FINANCIAL AID OFFICE USE ONLY

☐ Verification requirements posted to RRAAREQ (☐ Student's spouse included in verification requirements)

☐ Dependency Override Approved ☐ Dependency Override Denied

☐ Student notified via_____

Financial Aid Office Signature_____ Date_____