



**KENNEBEC VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
APPEAL FOR INDEPENDENT STATUS**

Students who do not meet the criteria to be an independent student, may put in an appeal to the Financial Aid Director to override their dependency status. Since you do not meet the federal definition of an independent student, you must provide documentation that demonstrates **unusual circumstances** that make it unreasonable to expect parental data on your application for financial aid. The following on their own are not necessarily considered to be unusual circumstances.

1. You do not live with your parents
2. Your parents do not claim you on their tax returns
3. Your parents do not give you money or will not contribute to your education
4. Emancipation from the court

Grounds for an appeal could include the following:

1. Total non-contact or abandonment by your parents
2. Documented abusive situation
3. Exceptional circumstances as determined by the Financial Aid Office

A complete dependency appeal consists of the following:

1. A minimum of three completed reference forms. References must be from persons who can verify your circumstances. Acceptable references include:
 - a) Close Relative (other than parent) with whom you are not living
 - b) High School counselor, principal or superintendent
 - c) Tax Accountant/attorney
 - d) Person(s) with whom you reside
 - e) Pastor
 - f) Employee of children's home or similar institutions

IMPORTANT NOTE: ALL REFERENCES MUST BE SIGNED AND DATED. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO PROVIDE REQUESTED DOCUMENTATION, YOU MUST EXPLAIN WHY IT IS NOT BEING PROVIDED; OTHERWISE YOUR APPLICATION WILL BE CONSIDERED INCOMPLETE AND WILL NOT BE EVALUATED.

Please remember YOU must prove that you are an independent student for the purposes of financial aid. If the Financial Aid Office determines that the information and documentation provided by you does not justify changing your dependency status, the decision is final and cannot be appealed to the U.S. Department of Education.

Attn: Financial Aid
Kennebec Valley Community College
92 Western Avenue, Fairfield, Maine 04937-1367
(207) 453-5121 Fax (207) 453-5011

Student ID# _____

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Name: _____ SS#: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Phone: _____

Current Address: _____

How long have you lived at the above address? _____

Please provide your parents address. _____

Please indicate the circumstances which make it unreasonable to expect parent data on you application for financial aid.

STUDENT'S INCOME AND RESOURCES

If you did not or will not file an income tax return, please complete the following to indicate how you supported yourself. BE SPECIFIC.

Employment (include W-2): \$ _____
Welfare/Social Security: \$ _____
Food Stamps/Housing: \$ _____
Medicaid Coverage: \$ _____
Other: \$ _____

If you are currently unemployed, please explain how you meet your living expenses:

CERTIFICATION

I certify that all of the information provided on this form and all attached supporting documentation is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. In addition, I agree to provide any further documentation needed to evaluate my appeal. I understand that if I do not provide verifiable proof, no further processing will be done on my appeal. I understand that completion of this form is only a request for independent status and does not guarantee approval of my appeal.

Student Signature

Date