DEPENDENCY APPEAL FORM

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Reasons for Dependency Appeal

If you are considered a dependent student according to Department of Education guidelines and believe your circumstances qualify you as an independent student, you can appeal your dependency status. A severe situation must exist in your family.

Some situations that may merit appeal include:

- physical or emotional abuse
- estrangement
- abandonment
- parental drug abuse
- parental mental incapacity
- or another such situation beyond your control

Self-sufficiency or unwillingness on the part of your parent(s) to assist you financially is NOT a basis for an appeal in the absence of extenuating circumstances.

Statement and Documentation

All information you provide will be held in the strictest confidence.

Documents Required for Dependency Appeal:

1. **FAFSA**—Submit a 2016-17 FAFSA (even if it is an unofficial FAFSA) at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
2. **STATEMENT**—Provide a signed, detailed, personal statement describing your circumstances and your relationship with your parent(s)/step-parent(s)
3. **INCOME/SUPPORT**—Provide a copy of your 2015 federal tax return transcript, W-2 form(s) and 1099(s). You may obtain a tax return transcript online at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) or call the IRS at 1-800-908-9946. If you did not file taxes for 2015, please include a complete list of sources of income and attach. If you did not have an income for 2015, you will need a detailed statement explaining how you were financially supported.
4. **VALIDATION**—Provide signed statements explaining your circumstances from two or more professional adults, including: clergy, court officials, guidance counselors, teachers, professors, doctors, family counselors, mental health professionals, or law enforcement officers.

**Note:** Students who were approved for independent status for the 2015-2016 academic year at UT Martin must provide the following:

1. **FAFSA**—see information above
2. **STATEMENT**—verifying that your status has not changed
3. **INCOME/SUPPORT**—see information above

My signature below certifies the information I have provided on this appeal is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I have not knowingly or intentionally provided any fraudulent documentation. I understand if I am found to have knowingly or intentionally given false statements or fraudulent documentation, my appeal will be denied, and my eligibility for financial aid may be terminated.

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Student Signature                                      Date