



## 2025-2026 Change in Dependency Status Appeal

Student's First Name

6-digit NEIU  
Student ID#

Student's Last Name

Phone Number

There are federal requirements that a student must meet to qualify for financial aid as an independent student (see questions 45-57 of the **FREE Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**). If you do not meet one of the criteria listed on the FAFSA, you will be reviewed as a dependent student, meaning that your parents must provide income and asset information. In reviewing an appeal for a Change in Dependency Status, the federal guidelines suggest that the financial aid administrator consider those situations where it is **necessary** for the student to live separately from parents. This does not include students who make a **voluntary** decision to leave home nor does it include students who married after the completion of the FAFSA. If you believe that your file warrants re-evaluation as an independent student, please submit this form along with all requested documents to the NEIU Financial Aid Office. A determination will be made and you will be notified in writing.

1. On a separate sheet of paper, **please attach a typewritten explanation** addressing the necessary separation from your parents, qualifying you to be considered an independent student. Please attach any supporting documentation of your circumstance(s). **INCOMPLETE REQUESTS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

2. During the 2025-2026 academic year you will be residing:

\_\_\_ with parents\*      \_\_\_ with relatives      \_\_\_ in an apartment (attach copy of apartment lease)

**\*NOTE: Not living with your parents or self-support do not automatically classify you as an independent student.**

3. Were you claimed as a dependent on any other person's 2023 Federal Tax Return? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Did you receive financial aid in the 2024-2025 academic year as an independent student? \_\_\_\_\_

5. If you answered "yes" to question #4, please list the name of the school that you attended and attach a copy of the appeal from the other school. Please note overrides performed by previous institutions are not automatically approved.

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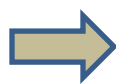
6. If you received income that was not listed on your 2023 IRS Tax return please indicate the amount and the source of that income (include cash gifts from parents/relatives/friends, general assistance, 2024-2025 credit balance financial aid etc):

Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Source: \_\_\_\_\_



**REQUIRED SIGNATURE:** I certify that all information reported is complete and correct. I understand that changes in my FAFSA financial information based on the documentation provided may result in a change in financial aid eligibility.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date