



**Student Financial Aid**  
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**Dependency Status  
 Appeal Form  
 2009-2010**

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Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ SSN \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print: Last, First, Middle)  
 University ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_@siue.edu

All correspondence from this office will be mailed to your local address on file with the University. If a local address is not on file, we will use your permanent address. It is your responsibility to ensure that your address is correct. Check CougarNet and make changes if necessary.

This form allows you to request special consideration of your student status for financial aid purposes for 2009-2010. Although you do not meet the requirements to be considered independent, you believe your particular family circumstances warrant further evaluation. Meeting at least one of the categories below is the minimum to request review.

**Steps in the appeal process:**

- Electronically submit the 2009-10 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online. Complete the student section entirely; complete the parent section with all zeros (0). You can supply a parent last name, but use all 0s (zeros) for the social security number; all income information must be 0s (zeros). The FAFSA will be rejected because there is no parent signature. (There are no more paper FAFSAs; therefore, it must be submitted electronically.)
- Meet with an advisor during advising hours (Monday through Thursday, 12:30 to 4:00 pm) and bring the following:
  - completed Dependency Status Appeal Form and appropriate required documentation (see below) attached to this form;
  - proof of submitted FAFSA.
- An advisor will evaluate your appeal and documentation and, if approved, will authorize the appropriate changes electronically.
- If you do not meet the criteria in at least one of the categories, you will be evaluated as a dependent student with you and your parents providing income and asset information and signatures when completing the FAFSA.

| Category (check one)   | Documentation Required  |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Estrangement - first appeal</b>  | Statement describing your family history along with two statements (on letterhead) from third parties, such as clergy, educator, physician, social worker, police report, etc., who know and are willing to substantiate in writing the nature of your circumstances. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Estrangement - prior SIUE approval to apply as an independent on basis of estrangement</b> | Statement explaining that extraordinary circumstances have continued.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Previously married and now divorced or widowed</b>   | Statement explaining why you believe you should be considered independent and a copy of the divorce decree or death certificate.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Veteran Non-match</b>  | You meet the FAFSA definition to be considered a veteran for financial aid purposes; however, there is not a match with Veterans Administration. Submit a copy of your DD214.   |

**Certification Statement: Student Signature Required**

I certify that this information is true and complete. If I cannot provide the appropriate, required documentation to support an independent status, I understand that I will be evaluated as a dependent student with my parents providing income and asset information when completing the FAFSA. I also understand that if I choose to leave the documents without seeing a financial aid advisor during advising hours, I could experience a two-week delay.

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

