

MEDGAR EVERS COLLEGE
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DEPENDENCY STATUS APPEAL FORM

Student's Name: _____ S.S. #: _____
Address: _____ Phone: _____
City/State/Zip: _____

The US Congress and the Department of Education determine the criteria by which a student is considered dependent or independent of their parents for financial aid purposes. The basic premise underlying financial aid is that parents have the primary responsibility to pay for their son's and daughters educational expenses. However, if there is an unintentional, involuntary or uncontrollable break in the relationship between parent and student Medgar Evers College may be able to consider the student independent for financial aid purposes. To consider this appeal the Office of Financial Aid at Medgar Evers College will need you to provide detailed, written explanations of your circumstances and supporting documentation.

Providing self-support and living on the student's own is secondary to determine the break in the relationship.

If one of the following circumstances applies to you, please check the category and provide the required documentation:

Your custodial parent has died and the other natural parent is still living.

You have neither had contact with nor received any financial support from the living parent for a significant length of time (more than 2 years).

Required Documentation:

1. Copy of the death certificate of the deceased custodial parent.
2. A notarized letter from you (the student) explaining your situation in detail.
3. Two (2) letters (on official letterhead) from an objective third party (i.e. minister, social worker, high school Counselor, teacher, psychologist, doctor, or other professional) which supports your claim that you neither lived with nor received financial supports from the non-custodial parent for a significant length of time (more than 2 years).

You are a political refugee or have political asylum and your parents do not reside in the United States and are unable to Provide financial support.

Required Documentation:

1. Immigration and Naturalization Services (INS) documents verifying your status (I-94 Arrival/Departure Record), and
2. A letter from Embassy or Consulate to confirm that you cannot communicate with your parents

Unusual Family Circumstances:

No parental contact due to physical, emotional, drug, or alcohol abuse.

Required Documentation:

1. Two (2) letters (on official letterhead) from an objective third party (i.e. minister, social worker, high school counselor, teacher, psychologist, doctor, or other professional) explaining the situation in detail
2. A notarized letter from you (the student) explaining your situation in detail.
3. One or more of the following:
 - a) Police reports
 - b) Court reports
 - c) Documentation from a social agency

All Students Must Provide Evidence of Self Support

1. Copy of your _____ and _____ Federal Income Tax Returns.
2. Copy of lease, rental agreement, or landlord's notarized affidavit stating where you live and rent paid.
3. If you reside with a relative or friend, provide a notarized affidavit that states the amount of money you contribute towards rent, and room and board.
4. Any other documentation as determined by the Financial Aid Office.

I certify all information on this appeal, and the attached documentation, is complete and accurate.

Student's Signature

Date