



## 17-18 BR-ID Appeals

### Spring 2018 Request to Change Dependency Status

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's have the primary responsibility to pay for their child's education. If there is an unintentional, involuntary or uncontrollable break in the relationship between student and parents, the Financial Aid Office may be able to consider the student independent for financial aid purposes.

Please follow the following steps:

1. Complete FAFSA and turn in all requested items to complete financial aid file.
2. Write a letter explaining your extenuating circumstances. Be sure to sign letter.
3. Provide a signed letter from family member or friend outlining their knowledge of your situation.
4. Provide a signed letter from an unbiased third party on letterhead; for example, counselor, social worker, minister, etc.
5. Attach documentation to appeal form along with letters. See chart below for examples of acceptable documentation.

| Circumstance   | Examples of Acceptable Documentation   |
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| Parent(s) are incarcerated                                 | Prison or jail records or court documents  |
| Parent(s) is alcoholic or drug user-home life unacceptable | Police reports, jail or prison records, court documents                                  |
| Abandoned by parents                                       | Social worker, counselor letter, court documents, or custodial documents                 |
| Parent(s) mentally incapacitated                           | Court or medical records or custodial documents  |
| Mental or physical abuse by parent(s)                      | Social worker, counselor letter, court documents, custodial documents, or police records |
| Other extenuating circumstances                            | Must provide documentation of circumstance   |

**Deadline to submit a change in dependency status request is January 31, 2018.**

I certify the information I have provided is accurate and true.

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

You may return this form in person at the Enrollment Support Center, upload to <https://api.nwacc.edu/lss/finaid/filedropbox/> or by mail to: NWACC Financial Aid Office, One College Dr., Bentonville AR 72712