

Dependency Status Appeal

2026-2027

Student Name: _____

Hope College ID Number: _____

Unusual circumstances may allow a student to file a FAFSA without parental information. If your situation is described in one of the following circumstances, **you may request a review of your status by the Financial Aid Appeals committee. Only well documented appeals with serious situations will be considered.**

Check the box below that applies to your situation, attach documentation as required, and submit to the Office of Financial Aid.

- ☐ Your parent has been institutionalized or is in a correctional facility. Submit documentation from a court, social service agency, or other objective source with this form.
- ☐ You have been separated from your parents and are living with a relative or someone who is supporting you but you do not have a legal guardian and have not been in foster care. Provide three sources of objective third party documentation from different social service agencies, school personnel, counselors, ministers, or medical professionals who can attest to your circumstances.
- ☐ Other: Attach a letter to explain your unusual circumstances and provide three sources of objective third party documentation such as social service agencies, school personnel, counselors, ministers, or medical professionals who can attest to your circumstances.

Certifications and Signatures

Each person signing below certifies that all of the information reported is complete and correct. The student whose information was reported on the FAFSA must sign and date. Warning: If you purposely give false or misleading information, you may be fined, sent to prison, or both.

Student Signature: _____

Date Signed: _____

(signature must be in ink)