

COMPLETE BOTH SIDES OF THIS FORM

Last Name	First Name	Initial	SVSU Student ID or Student Social Security Number
Street Address	City		DAYTIME Phone Number
<p>As of today, are you a dislocated worker? Yes No Don't know</p>			<p><i>In general, a person may be considered a dislocated worker if he or she has received unemployment benefits due to being laid off or losing a job, and is unlikely to return to the previous occupation</i></p>

If you have experienced abandonment, abuse, neglect, or the like, you may petition for independent status. All of the information gathered by the Campus Financial Services Center will remain strictly confidential. Be advised that the Financial Aid Office will be reviewing the documentation, but not all requests are approved. Failure to provide any information requested will be considered an automatic denial.

This form is designed to evaluate an individual student's own circumstances and determine whether he/she should be considered an "independent" student for financial aid purposes. The Department does recognize exceptions to their automatic rules, and allows financial aid administrators the right to waive the criteria in extreme circumstances. In order to be considered independent, a student must prove his/her circumstances with documentation. **All decisions based on this request are final.**

The following circumstances will not be approved or considered reasons for independent status:

You do not reside with your parents, your parents refuse to pay for your college education, your parents are not financially able to pay for your college education, you were married AFTER the first day of fall semester, or you do not want your parents' assistance to pay for college.

Required information for all applicants: must be submitted every academic year that you are requesting a review

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).** You must complete the FAFSA application at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Please be sure to list SVSU, our Federal Code is 002314. You are encouraged to file the FAFSA application as soon as possible and you DO NOT have to submit this form first.
- Personal Statement.** Attach a signed and dated personal statement describing your situation. You **must** describe your **current** relationship (even if it is non-existent) with your father **and** mother.
- Complete this entire form, including the **Estimated Expenses Worksheet** (see page 2)

Required documents unless SVSU approved your Dependency Override in 2016-17: The following must be submitted the first time that you are requesting a review at SVSU.

- Attach copies of your **2015 W-2 forms** if you worked in 2015
- If you filed a 2015 tax return, use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool on FAFSA or attach a copy of your **2015 Federal Tax Return Transcript** Online Request - Go to www.irs.gov, under the Tools heading on the IRS homepage, click "Get a Tax Transcript." Make sure to request the "IRS Tax Return Transcript" and **NOT** the "IRS Tax Account Transcript."
Telephone Request - 1-800-908-9946
- Legal documentation** verifying reasons for your independent status request. This may include, but is not limited to:
 - Documentation confirming that there is a restraining order that prohibits you from having contact with your parents.
 - Other legal documentation that would explain why parent information should or could not be obtained to determine financial aid eligibility.

-OR-

Two professional letters verifying reasons for your independent status request.

Professional letters must be on official letterhead, and from a professional adult whom is able to verify the family circumstances you described in your personal statement. Professional adults can include: clergy members, guidance counselors, teachers, professors, doctors, family counselors, mental health professionals and law enforcement officers.

Estimated Expenses Worksheet - Total of Financial Resources should equal, or exceed, total Student Expenses.

2015 Student Financial Resources	Total Amount received for the year 2015	2015 Student Expenses <i>If there is no expense for a category please enter a "0" and explain why</i>	Total Amount for year of 2015 (monthly expense x 12 months)
Income from work – even if <i>not included on a W-2 statement</i>	\$	Rent/Mortgage	\$
Subsidized Housing	\$	Utilities	\$
Food Stamps/SNAP	\$	Food	\$
Child Support/Alimony	\$	Automobile Payment	\$
Social Security Benefits	\$	Medical/Dental	\$
ADC (including child care)	\$	Clothing	\$
Unemployment	\$	Insurance (Health/Auto)	\$
Worker's Compensation	\$	Cell phone:	\$
Pension	\$	Other:	\$
Investment Income	\$	Educational Expenses Tuition/fees paid in 2015 Book expense in 2015	
Military Allowance	\$		
Other Income/Resources (How much was paid on your behalf for clothing, food, car payments or insurance, etc.) INCLUDE NAME and RELATIONSHIP OF SOURCE	\$		
Financial Aid (Loans, grants, scholarships, etc.)	\$		
Total	\$	Total	\$

If expenses are 0 or very low, explain why. For example – "I live with my guardian" or "I don't have any insurance"

Certification and Authorization:

I certify that all of the information provided on this form is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.
 I understand that I may be asked to submit additional documentation if necessary.
 I understand that all information I provide will remain confidential.

Student Name - Printed

Student ID # -or- Social Security Number

Student Signature

Date