



Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships
Appeal for Independent Status
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Student Name:

NSHE ID:

The Appeal for Independent Status is **ONLY** applicable to students who **HAVE NOT** previously been granted an approved appeal at the University of Nevada, Reno.

SECTION 1: REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Personal Statement: Submit a personal statement that explains why you are unable to obtain parent information for the FAFSA, or why it would be unsafe for you to attempt to do so. Also, explain how you supported yourself in the last calendar year.

_____ (on business letterhead with contact information) that support the claims made in your personal statement. Recommended third parties include, but not limited to: school counselors, clergy, physicians, social workers, or other individuals who are familiar with your circumstances.

SECTION 2: CERTIFICATION

Acknowledgment of Regulations:

By initialing in the box provided, you acknowledge that your appeal will not be approved if you do not adequately demonstrate that you meet the qualifications for a dependency override.

Per Federal Regulations, the following circumstances, either individually or in combination of

By signing this document, I certify that all information reported is complete and accurate. I further understand that purposely providing false or misleading information on this document may result in being fined, jailed, or both. **Signing for someone else is FRAUD, even with their permission.**

Student Signature:

Date:





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SECTION 5: STUDENT TAX STATUS AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Student, select one option below that best describes your tax status for the **2023 calendar year**.

I filed a 2023 Tax Return. (**Required Documents:** An official 2023 Tax Return Transcript, **OR** a **physically signed** copy of your 2023 IRS 1040 form, **AND** Schedules 1, 2, 3, C, F, and/or K (schedules as applicable). Additionally, attach your W-2s for each employer. If your 2023 tax return was **corrected** please submit the amended taxes as well (Ex. 1040X form or a letter from the IRS).)

I WAS employed in 2023 AND WAS NOT required to file a 2023 Tax Return. (**Required Documents:**



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SECTION 7: STUDENT ROLLOVERS

Did you report any taxable IRA distributions, pensions or annuities on your IRS 1040 Tax Return for 2023 (lines 4b and/or 5b) AND was this amount a rollover*? If YES, please attach a copy of your 1099-R form. Yes No/NA

** A rollover occurs when you withdraw assets from one retirement plan and contribute it, within 60 days, to another retirement plan.*

SECTION 8: SPOUSE ROLLOVERS (if applicable AND led separately)

Did you report any taxable IRA distributions, pensions or annuities on your IRS 1040 Tax Return for 2023 (lines 4b and/or 5b) AND was this amount a rollover*? If YES, please attach a copy of your 1099-R form. Yes No/NA

** A rollover occurs when you withdraw assets from one retirement plan and contribute it, within 60 days, to another retirement plan.*

SECTION 9: CERTIFICATION

By signing this verification worksheet, we certify that all information reported is complete and accurate and understand that verification will not be processed if any section of this form is left blank. We further understand that purposely providing false or misleading information on this worksheet may result in being fined, jailed, or both. **Signing for someone else is FRAUD, even with their permission.**

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