

2024-2025 DEPENDENCY APPEAL



FORM AND INSTRUCTIONS

AUBURN

STEP 1

Students who wish to submit a Dependency Appeal should contact our office. This can be done by sending an email to woodsab@auburn.edu with a brief description of your reason for requesting the appeal. We will then create a task for this request on your Student Forms Portal (accessible thru AU Access on your My Finances or Admitted Student tab) so that you can upload and submit required documentation there.

STEP 2

After we have added the task in your Student Forms Portal, you will need to register your Student Forms Portal account if you haven't already done so. Then you can access your task for appeal where you can complete the form and upload your supporting Third Party documentation.

STEP 3

Appeal requests will be reviewed within a reasonable time frame after all requested documentation has been received, but no later than 60 days after the student's enrollment. Students will be notified of the appeal decision by email at their AU email address.

STUDENT NAME

STUDENT ID NUMBER

You should submit this form if you have compelling unusual circumstances that will enable you to be considered as an independent student. Please provide a personal statement explaining the unusual circumstances that you believe warrant a review of your dependency status.

When did you last have contact with your biological parents? When did you last receive support from your biological parents?

Please request letters of support from THREE third-party individuals who are not family members that will verify the severe family circumstances you have described in your explanation. These individuals may include clergy members, guidance or family counselors, mental health professionals, law enforcement officers, physician, or employees from social services in your state. All letters must include detailed information regarding how they have been involved in your situation. Please note that professional references must be written and signed on agency letterhead to be considered acceptable documentation for your request.

Signature and Certification: By signing this document, I certify that all the information provided to Auburn University contained in this application for independent consideration is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

STUDENT SIGNATURE

DATE

