

2025-2026 DEPENDENCY APPEAL



FORM AND INSTRUCTIONS

AUBURN

STUDENT NAME

STUDENT ID NUMBER

STEP 1: NOTIFY FINANCIAL AID

Students who wish to submit a Dependency Appeal should contact our office. This can be done by sending an email to finaid7@auburn.edu with a brief description of your reason for requesting the appeal. If an appeal is deemed necessary, we will then create a task for this request in your Student Forms Portal (accessible through AU Access on your My Finances or Admitted Student tab) so that you can upload and submit required documentation.

STEP 2: SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

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?

STEP 3: GATHER AND SUBMIT SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

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, complete the form, and upload your supporting documentation.

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

