# 2015-2016

## Dependency Status Appeal

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### SECTION A - STUDENT INFORMATION

Please print:

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### REASONS FOR APPEAL

If you are considered a dependent student according to Department of Education guidelines and believe your circumstances may qualify you as an independent student, you can appeal your dependency status. Some situations that may merit appeal include:

- recently married
- physical or emotional abuse
- estrangement
- abandonment
- parental drug abuse
- parental mental incapacity
- or another such situation beyond your control.

Please note that self-sufficiency or unwillingness on the part of your parent(s)/step-parent to assist you financially is not a basis for an appeal in the absence of extenuating circumstances.

### STATEMENT AND DOCUMENTATION

You must provide a written personal statement describing your circumstances and include supporting documentation. Your statement should be complete and specific. All information that you provide will be held in the strictest confidence.

Note: Students who were considered independent for the 2014-2015 academic year must update their existing file and verify that their status has not changed. Due to federal regulations, students may not automatically qualify for independent status based on previous years’ information.

Please complete this form and attach the following documents:

- A copy of your 2014 federal IRS tax transcript and W-2 forms
- A letter describing your relationship with your parent(s)/step-parent
- A signed completed 2015-2016 FAFSA
- Signed statements explaining your circumstances from two or more professional adults, who may include: clergy, court officials, guidance counselors, teachers, professors, doctors, family counselors, mental health professionals, or law enforcement officers.
- Copy of official marriage license, if applicable.
- A copy of your spouse's 2014 federal IRS tax transcript, if applicable.

I certify all information contained in this application for independent status, including the personal statement and documentation, is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I have not knowingly or intentionally provided any fraudulent documentation. I understand if I am found to have knowingly or intentionally given false statements or fraudulent documentation, my appeal will be denied, and my eligibility for financial aid may be terminated.

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All documents should be faxed to 865-251-2890 or mailed to the Johnson University Tennessee campus address: Johnson University • 7900 Johnson Drive • Knoxville, Tennessee 37998 • JohnsonU.edu  
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