

Johnson University

Dependency Status Appeal Form - 2021-2022

Submit your completed form on your portal at my.johnsonu.edu.

SECTION A – Student Information

Please print:

First Name	Last Name	M.I.	Student ID#
Address	City	State	Zip
Telephone Number	Email		

SECTION B – Student's Family Information

List below the people in your household.

If more space is needed, attach a separate page with the student's name and Student ID Number at the top.

Include children who meet any of the following, even if they do not live with you:

- Children you will provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020
- Other people if they now live with you and you provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020
- Student(s) enrolled at least half-time in a degree, diploma, or certificate program at an eligible postsecondary institution any time between 7/1/19 and 6/30/20

Relationship	Full Name	Age	Name of College	Enrolled at least Half Time in college
<i>Self</i>				<i>Yes</i>
<i>Spouse</i>				
<i>Dependent</i>				
<i>Dependent</i>				

Independent Student Status

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 an appeal include:

- recently married
- physical abuse
- abandonment
- parental drug abuse
- parental mental incapacity

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 2019-2020 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 signed completed 2020-2021 FAFSA*
- A copy of your 2019 and 2020 federal IRS Tax Return Transcripts and most recent W-2 forms *
- A letter describing your relationship with your parent(s)/step-parent
- 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.
- A copy of your spouse's 2019 and 2020 federal IRS Tax Return Transcripts and most recent W-2 forms, if applicable*
- Copy of official marriage license, if applicable*

*Required documents for recently married students

Certification and Signature

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 that all decisions made by the Financial Aid Office are final. 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.

Student Signature

Date