

2022-2023 Dependency Appeal

Student UCM ID _____

Student Full Name _____
 First Name _____ Last Name _____ M.I. _____

Section A: Appeal Reason

In order to be considered for a dependency appeal, you must be able to document that all financial and emotional contact with your parents has been severed as a result of an adverse home situation. Some examples of adverse conditions include severe estrangement from parents, physical or emotional abuse, an unsafe home environment, and abandonment. Appeal decisions are made on a case-by-case basis and will be sent to your UC Merced e-mail.

Reasons that cannot be considered include demonstrating financial self-sufficiency, your parent(s) not claiming you on their taxes, and parent(s) unwillingness or inability to contribute financially.

Appeal Reason	Required Documentation
<input type="radio"/> I have an adverse home situation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · A signed and dated letter from you explaining your situation; and · A signed and dated letter from a third party such as a teacher, counselor, clergyman, doctor, or law enforcement officer who has direct knowledge of your situation. The letter must be written on the letterhead of the agency where the professional is employed and must substantiate the existence of the adverse family situation.
<input type="radio"/> My parents are unwilling to provide information on my financial aid application or required verification documents. <i>Please note that you may only be eligible for a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan without completing a FAFSA or CADAA.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · A signed and dated letter from you explaining your situation; and · A signed and dated letter from your parent indicating that they are unwilling to provide information on the FAFSA or CADAA; or · If parent refuses to provide any documentation you will need to submit documentation from a third party such as a teacher, counselor, clergyman, or court.
<input type="radio"/> I have an adverse home situation that was documented in a prior year at the University of California, Merced and I certify my situation has not changed for the 2022-2023 academic year.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · No documentation required.

Section B: Student Certification

I hereby declare that all information reported on this document is true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false statement or misrepresentation will be cause for denial, reduction, withdrawal and/or repayment of financial aid and referral to the appropriate authorities.

Student Signature

Date

We cannot accept a typed signature. Please sign this form with a drawn signature.