

This cover page includes instructions about where and how to turn in your form. If you are submitting a form that contains personally identifiable information (i.e. name, student ID number, date of birth), we encourage you to **submit the completed form online, by mail, or in person.**

ONLINE TO:

z.umn.edu/FA-upload

BY MAIL TO:

UMD Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships
1049 University Drive
Duluth MN 55812-3011

IN PERSON ON CAMPUS TO:

One Stop Student Services

23 Solon Campus Center

If you choose to submit the completed form by email, for your security we prefer to receive this form via your **UMD email address (xxxxxxx@d.umn.edu).**

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UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES APPEAL

Unusual circumstance definition:

Fill out this form if you have unusual circumstances preventing you from contacting your parents or that contacting your parents would pose a risk to you.

You may be experiencing unusual circumstances if you:

- left home due to an abusive or threatening environment;
- were abandoned by or estranged from your parents;
- have refugee or asylee status and are separated from your parents, or your parents are displaced in a foreign country;
- are a victim of human trafficking;
- are incarcerated, or your parents are incarcerated and contact with them would pose a risk to you;
- are otherwise unable to contact or locate their parents.

Please note that the refusal of a parent to provide financial support or living separately from parents and being self-supporting are not, by themselves, sufficient reasons for independent status.

You will be notified in writing of the decision.

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QUESTIONS?

Phone: 218-726-8000
TTY (hearing impaired): 800-627-3529
Email: umdhelp@d.umn.edu

Complete this form in Adobe Reader software, not a Web browser, to ensure the privacy of your information.

Place the cursor in a field and type. Print a copy to add the required signature(s) in blue or black ink.

SECTION A: Student information	
Legal name (last, first, middle initial, required)	Preferred name
Current mailing address	
Student ID Number	Phone (include area code)
SECTION B: Unusual circumstances appeal directions	
<p>To confirm that your unusual circumstances qualify you for an independent status for financial aid purposes, please complete these steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Submit a signed personal letter describing your unusual circumstances- include any support you received from your parents during the last 2 years. 2. Submit signed third party documentation supporting the unusual circumstances you described- examples include court documents or an official letter from a high school counselor, case worker, social worker, clergy, or other professional who confirms that your situation warrants independent status. <p>Ways to submit forms and documentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online at z.umn.edu/FA-upload • By mail to the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships, University of Minnesota Duluth, 1049 University Drive, Duluth, MN 55812-3011 • In person on campus to One Stop Student Services, 23 Solon Campus Center <p>In order to maximize your financial aid eligibility, your appeal should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the end of the term in which you are seeking an adjustment. Appeals submitted within two weeks of the end of term will be reviewed, but financial aid funds may be limited or no longer available.</p>	

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