

Student's Name _____ Mercer ID # _____

The instructions on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) require that you provide parental information. If you believe that you should be classified as an independent student (reporting only student income and assets), you must complete this form and provide all the documentation requested. We must clarify your student status prior to processing federal financial aid. Please review the information below, and check the status that may apply to you.

Directions: Please check the statement that best applies to you:

- I cannot provide parental documentation because my parent(s) is/are incarcerated.
- I left home due to an abusive family environment
- I do not know where my parents are and are unable to contact them
- None of the above statements apply and I cannot provide any documentation (you will need to provide your parent's information on your FAFSA)
- Other (please provide explanation in written signed statement)

***Official Documentation:**

- Copy of a court's legal documentation regarding your dependency status,
- Three (3) letters from outside sources familiar with your situation (from a Pastor, Counselor, non-family member, etc.)

We must receive your completed form and documentation before we can continue processing your financial aid.

By signing below, I certify that all of the information reported above is complete and correct.

Student's Signature (required) _____ Date

Electronic Signatures will NOT be accepted. You must print this form before signing and submitting.

Please return this form to the Office of Student Financial Planning at Mercer University as listed below:

<p>Macon and RAC campuses: Mercer University Office of Student Financial Planning 1501 Mercer University Drive Macon, GA 31207-0001 FinancialPlanning@mercer.edu Phone Number: (478) 301-2670</p>	<p>Atlanta Campus: Mercer University Office of Student Financial Planning 3001 Mercer University Drive Atlanta, GA 30341 FinancialPlanning@mercer.edu Phone Number: (678) 547-6444</p>
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Dependency Classification: _____ Dependent _____ Independent

Documentation Provided _____

Letters From:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Rationale: _____

Reviewed By: _____

Date Approved: _____

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