



**FINANCIAL AID AND
VETERANS SERVICES**
Illinois Valley Community College

**2023-2024
Dependency Status Appeal**

For Office Use Only		
Approved _____	Denied _____	Date _____

Please read carefully before continuing:

Federal regulations require that students under the age of 24 file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) using the financial information for themselves and their parent(s).

A dependency status appeal will only be considered for those students that have mitigating circumstances and can prove: 1) that their income is sufficient to be self-supporting **and**, 2) that there is a valid reason why their parent should not be expected to make their federally expected contribution to the student's educational costs.

The following situations are not, by themselves, sufficient reasons to grant an appeal:

- *Your parents are unwilling to share financial information on the FAFSA
- *Your parents refuse to contribute to your college expenses
- *You and your parents do not "get along"
- *You do not live with your parents

Name: _____ ID# or SSN: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Number: Home/Cell (_____) _____ Work (_____) _____

1. During the 2023-2024 academic year you will be living:
 - with parents
 - with relatives
 - in an apartment (**attach copy of lease**).
 - other (Explain-use back if necessary): _____
2. Mother's name and address: _____
3. Father's name and address: _____
4. Did you receive financial aid in the 2022-2023 year as an independent student? Yes No
5. You are required to submit copies of your 2021 and 2022 federal tax returns as well as a copy of your parent(s) 2021 federal tax return with this application. If you are not submitting one or more of these tax returns, please explain the reason why.
6. You are required to submit a copy of your 2022 Illinois State tax return or a copy of a driver's license if issued before 8/15/22.
7. If you have a child and are living with the child's other biological parent, you must submit a copy of his/her 2022 tax return.
8. If you are living in a home you own or an apartment you rent, you must attach a copy of your mortgage statement or your apartment lease, with contact information for your landlord.
9. On a separate sheet of paper, please write an explanation as to why you believe you should be considered for financial aid as an independent student. Make sure to explain how you support yourself and why your parent(s) should be exempt from contributing to your educational expenses.
10. Attach any additional documentation that might support your appeal. Examples include: third party documentation from a court, social worker, school counselor, homeless shelter, clergy member, or law enforcement agency.

I hereby affirm that all information on this form and any attachments are true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false statements or misrepresentation will be cause for denial, reduction, withdrawal, and/or repayment of financial aid, and may subject the filer to a fine or imprisonment or both, under the provisions of the United States Criminal Code.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____