

WAYNESBURG UNIVERSITY

2024-2025

UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES APPLICATION*

The financial aid policies of Waynesburg University are based on the premise that the family is the primary source for a student's educational expenses. This same premise governs the federal, state and institutional student aid programs that are administered by the University. On the basis of this philosophy, a student must meet at least one of the following criteria to be considered an independent student for financial aid purposes: You were born before January 1, 2001; you are working on a master's or doctorate degree; you are married; you have children or dependents receiving more than half their support from you; you are or were an orphan, ward of the court, in foster care, an emancipated minor, in a legal guardianship, an unaccompanied youth or homeless; you are an active duty member or veteran of the United States Armed Forces. If you do not meet one of these criteria, then you are considered **DEPENDENT** for financial aid purposes and must provide the required parental information on the 2024-2025 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

If, however, your circumstances are unusual and warrant consideration for a dependency override by a Financial Aid Administrator, then please provide us with the following information:

STUDENT'S NAME _____ SS# _____ - _____ - _____

PERMANENT ADDRESS _____

PHONE # _____ CELL# _____

Please explain the rationale and circumstances that make you an independent student:

****Please note that, per federal regulations, the following circumstances DO NOT warrant a dependency override: Parents refusing to contribute to a student's educational expenses; parents unwilling to provide information on the FAFSA; parents not claiming a student as a dependent for federal income tax purposes; the student's ability to demonstrate total financial self-sufficiency.***

PARENTAL INFORMATION

Father' name _____ Mother's name _____

Address _____ Address _____

Phone # _____ Phone # _____

ADDITIONAL REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

In addition to the above information, please provide the Financial Aid Office the following documentation:

1. If possible, signed and dated letters from two third-party sources (e.g., a lawyer, school counselor, member of the clergy) explaining and verifying your current living situation.
2. Signed copy of your 2022 and 2023 federal tax returns.
3. Documentation of your 2022 and 2023 non-taxable income and/or benefits.

EXPLANATION OF CURRENT LIVING SITUATION AND HOW YOU SUPPORT YOURSELF?

I certify that the above information is accurate and true.

Signature _____ Date _____

If you have any questions regarding this application, please contact the Financial Aid Office of Waynesburg University at (724) 852-3208 or finaid@waynesburg.edu.