



UCSC Student's ID /Account Number (Do not use CRUZ ID)

UCSC Student's Last Name

First Name

2014-2015 Appeal for Independent Status

Students classified as dependent may petition to be reclassified as independent—for purposes of determining financial aid eligibility—based on specific adverse family situations only.

A. The circumstances that will be considered for purposes of reclassification to independent status include those for which you are able to document that all financial and emotional contact with your parents has been severed as the result of an adverse home situation such as:

- Abnormal estrangement from parents
An unsafe home environment
Physical or emotional abuse
Abandonment

Check this box if Section A applies to you. Sign the Student Certification below and submit this form along with:

- 1. A letter from you which explains your situation and
2. Letters from two people who have worked with you in a professional capacity (for example: a member of the clergy, a counselor, a psychotherapist, etc.) and are familiar with your family situation.

All documents must be submitted to process the appeal.

B. The situations that will not be considered for purposes of reclassification to independent status include a parent's refusal to contribute to a student's education, an unwillingness to provide information on the FAFSA, not claiming the student as a dependent on a tax return, or a student's demonstration of self-sufficiency.

However, if your parent will not complete a financial aid application and you submit this form with your parent signature in the certification below, your eligibility to receive aid is limited (in most cases, an unsubsidized student loan to a maximum of \$7,500).

Check this box if Section B applies to you. Have your parents sign the Certification of Parental Non-Support below and submit this form with your signature in the Student Certification section. (As an alternative to the parent certification on this form, you may attach a dated letter from your parent(s) in which it is stated the parent(s) refuses to complete the FAFSA.)

CERTIFICATE OF PARENTAL NON-SUPPORT

I refuse to complete the 2014-15 financial aid application and refuse to financially support the above named student's education.

Parent name (please print clearly), Parent Signature, Date support stopped, Date

Your parent certification of non-support will result in the student receiving limited financial aid.

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, cancellation and/or repayment of financial aid.

Daytime Phone (), E-mail Address, Student Signature, Date