



**PALO VERDE COLLEGE
FINANCIAL AID OFFICE**

**FAFSA DEPENDENCY OVERRIDE:
UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES
APPEAL AND INSTRUCTIONS**

STUDENT'S NAME: _____ FAFSA AWARD YEAR: _____ / _____

PVC STUDENT ID # _____ PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____ CITY, STATE & ZIP: _____

BASED ON YOUR FAFSA OR CA DREAM ACT APPLICATION (CADAA), YOU HAVE OPTED NOT TO INCLUDE PARENT(S) INFORMATION CITING AN "UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCE." IF INTERACTING WITH YOUR PARENTS POSES A RISK TO YOUR HEALTH OR WELL-BEING, YOU CAN UNDERGO THIS APPEAL PROCESS TO BE RECOGNIZED AS INDEPENDENT FOR FAFSA PURPOSES.

INSTRUCTIONS: YOU ARE REQUIRED TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTATION SUPPORTING YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES.

STUDENT PERSONAL STATEMENT: SEE DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS IN FILLABLE PERSONAL STATEMENT SECTION.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS AND THIRD PARTY STATEMENTS: ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF DOCUMENTATION MAY CONSIST OF, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

- COURT DOCUMENTS
- POLICE REPORTS
- THIRD-PARTY STATEMENTS WITH CONTACT DETAILS:
 - PROFESSIONAL THIRD-PARTY (COUNSELOR, TEACHER, PROBATION OFFICER, SOCIAL WORKER, ETC.)
 - IN THE ABSENCE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED DOCUMENTS, A LETTER FROM A FRIEND OR FAMILY MEMBER MAY BE ACCEPTED, (STUDENT MUST MEET WITH THE FINANCIAL AID DIRECTOR TO REVIEW THEIR CIRCUMSTANCES).

UNABLE TO PROVIDE THIRD-PARTY STATEMENT: IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO SUBMIT THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION, YOU HAVE THE OPTION TO MEET WITH THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL AID. THIS ALLOWS YOU TO ARTICULATE YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES THAT MIGHT BE DIFFICULT TO EXPRESS THROUGH DOCUMENTATION ALONE.

TO SCHEDULE, FEEL FREE TO REACH OUT VIA EMAIL AT FINANCIALAID@PALOVERDE.EDU OR CALL **760-921-5500**.

SUBMISSIONS: PLEASE SUBMIT ALL DOCUMENTS TO THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE:

- **IN PERSON:** STUDENT SERVICES BUILDING, MAIN-CAMPUS, BLYTHE OR THE NEEDLES CENTER
- **EMAIL:** FINANCIALAID@PALOVERDE.EDU
- **BY MAIL:** PALO VERDE COLLEGE, ATTN: FINANCIAL AID OFFICE
ONE COLLEGE DRIVE, BLYTHE, CA 92225.

DEADLINES AND NOTIFICATIONS:

- SUBMIT NO LATER THAN 3 WEEKS PRIOR TO THE END OF THE TERM.
- STUDENTS ARE NOTIFIED BY EMAIL WITHIN 7 TO 10 DAYS OF SUBMISSION.
- NO FEDERAL AID CAN BE AWARDED UNTIL DEPENDENCY STATUS IS DETERMINED.
- IF APPROVED, DEPENDENCY STATUS WILL ROLL-OVER TO THE FOLLOWING ACADEMIC YEARS WHEN ENROLLED AT PALO VERDE COLLEGE.

BY SIGNING, I AM CONFIRMING THAT THE STATEMENTS MADE IN THIS APPLICATION ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE:

STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

All submitted information, including verbal communication, remains strictly confidential and will not be disclosed without written consent from the student.

OFFICE USE:

FA DIRECTOR SIGNATURE _____ DATE: _____

APPROVED: _____ DENIED: _____ TABLED: _____

FSA PORTAL SUBMITTED ON: _____ TRANS # _____ ORIG SAI: _____ FA INIT: _____

PJ CORRECTION RECD ON: _____ TRANS # _____ REVISED SAI: _____ FA INIT: _____



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WRITE A PERSONAL STATEMENT EXPLAINING THE UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES THAT PREVENT YOU FROM INCLUDING PARENTAL INFORMATION ON YOUR FAFSA. CLEARLY DESCRIBE YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR PARENT(S), WHEN THE SITUATION BEGAN, HOW YOU'VE SUPPORTED YOURSELF SINCE, AND WHY RECONCILIATION OR CONTACT ISN'T POSSIBLE. BE HONEST AND SPECIFIC. YOUR STATEMENT SHOULD BE IN YOUR OWN WORDS, ABOUT ONE PAGE IN LENGTH, AND ACCOMPANIED BY THIRD-PARTY DOCUMENTATION VERIFYING YOUR SITUATION.

USE OF THIS SECTION OF THE APPEAL IS NOT REQUIRED FOR SUBMISSION AND STUDENTS MAY SUBMIT THEIR STATEMENT ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER.