

## 2022-2023 Dependency Status Appeal Form

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Heidelberg ID or SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

The basic premise of federal financial aid is that students and parents, to the extent they are able, have the primary responsibility to finance the student's college education. The Office of Financial Aid at Heidelberg University supports this premise and the current federal dependency definition. Students wishing to appeal their dependency status who can clearly demonstrate, with support of third party documentation, unusual circumstances that prohibit their parents from participating with them in the financial aid process need to complete the following steps.

### STEP 1: Unusual Circumstances

Explain in detail on the reverse side of this form the reasons why you should be considered an independent student for the 2022-2023 academic year.

### STEP 2: Documentation

Attach third party documentation that will support the conditions of your appeal. Professional third party documentation is preferred from a counselor, physician, lawyer, clergy, or persons in a professional capacity who can submit a letter to clearly explain and support your appeal circumstances. Third party documentation should be on letterhead and must include a contact phone number and signature.

### STEP 3: Proof of Economic Self-Sufficiency

Example: 2020 or 2021 federal income tax return, most recent pay stub, or proof of other income

### STEP 4: Certification

Sign the Certification Statement on the reverse side of this form.

This appeal will be reviewed by the Office of Financial Aid. You will be notified in writing of the decision. Supporting documentation requested must be attached to this appeal. Return the completed form with attached documentation to the Office of Financial Aid.

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Office Use Only:

Decision:  Approved  Denied Initials \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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### **Unusual Circumstances**

Explain, in detail, why you should be considered independent for the 2022-2023 academic year. Include all pertinent facts that clearly reveal your unusual circumstance.

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**Certification Statement:** I certify that the above information and the attached documentation that I have provided is true and complete.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_