

FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

2019-2020 REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF DEPENDENCY STATUS

A student is considered a "dependent" student and must provide parental information unless the student meets one of the following conditions:

- You were born **before** January 1, 1996
- You are married
- At the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year will be working on a master's or doctorate program (such as an MA, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, EdD, or graduate certificate)
- You are currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training
- You are a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces
- You have or will have children who receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020
- You have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you, now through June 30, 2020
- At any time since you turned age 13, both your parents were deceased, you were in foster care or you were a dependent or ward of the court
- You were or are an emancipated minor as determined by a court in your state of legal residence
- You were or are in legal guardianship as determined by a court in your state of legal residence
- At any time on or after July 1, 2018 your high school or school district homeless liaison determined that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless
- At any time on or after July 1, 2018 the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program or the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development determined that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or was self-supporting and at risk of being homeless

OR

- You are a student for whom a financial aid administrator makes a documented determination of independence by reason of other unusual circumstances.

Unusual Circumstances

GCC may be able to change your dependency status if unusual circumstances exist **that make it impossible for you to have contact with your parents**. Examples of unusual circumstances are:

- A parent is incarcerated or institutionalized
- You moved out of your parents' home due to adverse or abusive home conditions when you were under 18 years of age
- For the majority of your childhood you were raised by people other than your parents

If your family situation involves an unusual circumstance such as those described above, you may request a review of your dependency status. All requests will be reviewed by the Financial Aid Office, but not all requests are granted.

Note: Being considered independent does not automatically make you eligible for more financial aid. You may actually have more financial aid eligibility as a dependent student.

Required Documentation

In order for the Financial Aid Office to consider your request to review your dependency status, we need additional information and documentation of your family circumstances. You must complete ALL of the attached forms. **Do not leave any question blank**. If any part of any form is left blank it will not be accepted.

- A personal statement of explanation (be specific), **and**
- Completion of "Student's Statement of Information", **and**
- Two (2) written affidavits on official letterhead from third parties who know your situation, such as, a teacher, a counselor, or a social worker; (GCC employees, other students and/or friends are not considered independent third parties), **and**
- If relevant, copies of court records, police reports, etc.

Student's Name _____

GCC ID# _____

FINANCIAL AID OFFICE
2019-2020 STATEMENT OF INFORMATION
 (To be completed by the *student* - Do not leave any question blank)

1) What is your parents' current address?

Father's/Mother's Address: _____

Mother's/Father's Address: _____

2) When is the last time you:

a) received support from	Father/Mother	_____/_____ MONTH YEAR	Mother/Father	_____/_____ MONTH YEAR
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b) lived with	Father/Mother	_____/_____ MONTH YEAR	Mother/Father	_____/_____ MONTH YEAR
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3) How have you supported yourself since you left your parents? (if you need more space use the back of this form)

4) What was your yearly income and/or resources in 2017 (January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017)?

Income/Wages	\$ _____
Savings	\$ _____
Benefits (SSI, GR, etc.)	\$ _____
Financial Aid	\$ _____
Cash Support from Others	\$ _____
Other: (explain on back of form)	\$ _____

CERTIFICATION: I certify that all information on this form is true, complete, and accurate. Upon request, I agree to provide proof of the information reported on this form. False statements or misrepresentation can be cause for denial, reduction, withdrawal, and/or repayment of financial aid. I give permission to the Financial Aid Office to make corrections/adjustments to data on my FAFSA based on forms and/or documents submitted. **I understand that I must report changes of the above information to the Financial Aid Office.**

Student's Signature _____

Date _____