

Petition For Consideration Of
Independent Status due to Marriage
2025–2026



Name _____ Student ID _____
Phone _____ E-mail _____

This petition is used for consideration of changing your dependency status from dependent to independent due to a marriage that occurred after you submitted the 2025-2026 FAFSA. We will review your financial aid eligibility as a dependent and independent student and base the approval or denial of this petition on the status that results in the greatest amount of need-based financial aid.

Attach the following documents:

- Copy of your marriage certificate
- Copy of your Social Security card if your name changed as a result of marriage
- Signed copies of 2023 federal tax returns and W-2s for you, your spouse, and your parent contributors (if not previously submitted)

List the persons you will support between July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026.

Name	Age	Relationship to Student
_____	_____	<i>Self</i>
_____	_____	<i>Spouse</i>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Spouse’s cash, checking savings balance as of your FAFSA filing date \$ _____
Spouse’s net worth of investments as of your FAFSA filing date \$ _____
Spouse’s net worth of current business and/or investment farms as of your FAFSA filing date \$ _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____
Spouse Signature _____ Date _____

RETURN THIS COMPLETED AND SIGNED FORM TO:
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