To receive priority funding, you must submit required documentation, an appeal or correct your FAFSA/DREAM application and provide parent information by the May 1 for continuing students, and June 15 for new freshmen and transfer students.

1) Check one of the boxes for the FAFSA/DREAM criteria you have met to be considered as an independent student for 2019-2020.

- On or after July 1, 2018, my high school or school district homeless liaison determined that I was an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless.
- On or after July 1, 2018, the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development determined that I was an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless.
- On or after July 1, 2018, the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program determined that I was an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless.
- On or after July 1, 2018, a Financial Aid Assistant or Associate Director, or Financial Aid Director determined that I was an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless.

2) Attach required items to this form and submit to the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office.

- Certification from high school/school district homeless liaison or homeless program/living center as related to the box checked in Item 1 above. If you checked the fourth box in Item 1 above, you do not need to attach a certification.
- Student statement explaining current living situation.

“Unaccompanied” means you are not living in the physical custody of your parent or guardian.

“Homeless” means lacking fixed, regular and adequate housing. You may be homeless if you are living in shelters, parks, motels, hotels, public spaces, camping grounds, cars, abandoned buildings, or temporarily living with other people because you have nowhere else to go. Also, if you are living in any of these situations and fleeing an abusive parent, you may be considered homeless even if your parent would otherwise provide a place to live.

If you do not have documentation from a school homeless liaison or program/living center but do have adverse family circumstances, you should complete an Appeal for Independent Student Status. This form can be found online at fao.ucsd.edu/forms. If you do not have an adverse family circumstance, you must update your FAFSA or California Dream Application with parent’s information to be considered for all aid. You may be considered for Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loans without parental information.

I am aware this documentation and any determination of independent status is only valid for the 2019-20 award year. In subsequent years, new documentation or an appeal will be required to re-establish independent status.

I certify that all of the information provided on this form is true and correct. Any attached documents required to verify my independent status are true and are exact copies of the originals.

Student’s Signature ___________________________________________ Date ____/____/____

RETURN THIS FORM WITH ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO:
UC San Diego, Financial Aid and Scholarships Office, Dept. 0013, 9500 Gilman Drive, La Jolla, CA 92093-0013 or FAX 858-534-5459