### Independent Student Status Documentation 2019-2020

**INSTRUCTIONS:**
Independent students applying for financial aid are required to supply documentation to the UC San Diego Financial Aid and Scholarships Office to verify independent status. Dependent students required to supply parental information on the 2019-2020 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application should not submit this form.

To receive priority funding, you must submit required documentation, an appeal or correct your FAFSA/DREAM application and provide parent information by May 1 for Continuing Students and June 15 for New Freshmen and Transfer Students.

**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

| PID ____________________________ Last Name _____________________________ First Name ____________________________ |
| 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 exact copies of the originals. |
| Student’s Signature ____________________________ Date __/__/__ |

Check one box for the FAFSA criteria you have met to be considered as an independent student for 2019-20.

- [ ] Born before January 1, 1995
- [ ] Veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces or Active Duty Status (See instructions online: studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa)
- [ ] Both parents are deceased
- [ ] Ward of the court, emancipated or in legal guardianship
- [ ] In Foster Care at the age of 13 or older
- [ ] Married PRIOR to filing FAFSA or California Dream Act Application
- [ ] Married AFTER filing FAFSA or California Dream Act Application

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

- [ ] List your birth date: __/__/__.
- [ ] Copy of your DD214 (separation papers) or a copy of military orders attesting to active duty status.
- [ ] Copies of parental death certificates or ascertainment that both parents are deceased.
- [ ] Copy of court decree
  Note: Non-court guardianship agreements in which a parent authorizes another person to care for a student while at a distance are not sufficient for independent status
- [ ] Copy of certification of program participation
- [ ] Copy of marriage certificate
- [ ] Copy of marriage certificate **AND**
  Statement from parents that they are not supporting you, and will not claim you on future tax returns **AND**
  Copy of student’s and spouse’s 2017 federal tax return transcript
If you do not have the required documentation but do have adverse family circumstances that prevent you from obtaining your parents’ support and FAFSA information, you may complete an Appeal for Independent Student Status. This form can be found online at fas.ucsd.edu/forms-and-resources/forms. If you don’t have an adverse family circumstance you should update your FAFSA or California Dream Application with parent’s information.