



SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE

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We strongly recommend that this request be received complete by the Financial Aid Office (FAO) no less than 2 weeks before your last day of class for the term you are enrolled. Requests received on your last day of class or incomplete may not be reviewed. The law does not permit the FAO to process any requests submitted after your classes end for the term.

Please note: Your last day of class may be earlier than the posted end of term.
Fall 2024 Term ends 12/16/24. Spring 2025 Term ends 6/2/25.

**Unusual Circumstance-Homeless or Youth At Risk of Homelessness Determination Petition
2024 – 2025**

Student Name: _____ **CSID:** _____

Phone Number: _____ **Email:** _____

Financial aid regulations assume that the family has primary responsibility for meeting the educational cost of students. If you are considered a dependent student according to the financial aid definition, your aid eligibility is determined by using parent income and asset information in addition to your information. Dependent students are therefore required by law to provide parental information and signatures to be considered for financial aid.

Occasionally a student may not be able to obtain parental information due to homelessness or being at risk of homelessness. (Examples include leave home due to physically abusive parental relationships, former wards of the court or evicted from your dwelling place with no secure living arrangements, or having insufficient resources to pay living and housing expenses in San Diego)

The following situations are NOT considered exceptional or unusual circumstances: Your parents did not claim you as an exemption; you supported yourself; you disagree with the living arrangements secured by your parent(s), you or your parents are unwilling to pay for educational expenses; it is difficult to acquire their information. **Unfortunately, petitions citing these circumstances cannot be taken into consideration.**

If you do have unusual circumstances, please describe these in detail and attach all documents that support your circumstances.

PLEASE SUBMIT EACH OF THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR DETAILED STATEMENT (PLEASE CHECK EACH SUBMITTED)

On a separate piece of paper, in paragraph format, please submit a signed statement to answer all of the following questions:

- Identify the full name(s) and location of your parent(s). Include information on both parent 1 and parent 2 regardless of marital status or gender.
- Describe the last time you lived with and/or had contact with your parent(s). Include the date, location, and nature of the contact.
- Explain the circumstances for your housing insecurity. (Please be clear and specific.)
- If you are "couch hopping", you must include in your statement the following information:
 - List the full name, physical address, telephone number and e-mail address of the person(s) you are living with and their relationship to you of your parents.
 - In the case of shelters, list full name, physical address, telephone number and e-mail address of shelter contact(s).
- At-Risk of homelessness.** *You will need to explain how you were/are self-supporting.*
- Any other supporting documentation** such as proof of abandonment or abuse by parent(s), court documents, police reports, or a certificate of death.

I certify that the information I have provided is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I agree to provide proof supporting the information on this form. I certify that any IRS Tax Transcripts that I have provided are true copies of the documents as filed with the IRS. I realize that giving false or misleading information may result in a \$20,000 fine, a prison sentence, or both.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

SIGN BY HAND ONLY

Office use only: Approved per Professional Judgment based on unusual circumstances
 Denied
NOTES: _____

FAO Signature: _____ Date: _____