



2025-2026 REQUEST FOR DEPENDENCY EVALUATION

Spartanburg Community College – Financial Aid Office
131 Community College Drive, Spartanburg, S.C. 29303-4759
Phone: (864) 592-4810 Toll Free: 1-888-591-3810

STUDENT NAME: _____ SCC ID / SSN: _____

The instructions on the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)* require that you provide parental information. If you believe that you should be classified as an independent student (reporting only student income and assets), you must complete this form and **provide all the documentation requested**. *Please note that parents' unwillingness to pay for college or provide financial information and/or not living with parents and providing your own financial support are not sufficient cause for independent status.* Return this form and all requested documentation to the SCC Financial Aid Office. Your request will be reviewed, and you will be notified of the decision.

Required Documents:

1. **Provide a written explanation in your own words describing your situation.** Your written statement should:
 - a. Include all relevant details including names, dates, and places.
 - b. State why parental information cannot be reported.
 - c. Document your current living arrangement and how long this arrangement has been in place.
 - d. Document the last time you lived with your biological or adopted parents.
 - e. Document the last time you had contact with your biological or adopted parents.
 - f. Document the last time your biological or adopted parent(s) last provided any form of support for you.

2. **Provide documentation to support your claim and that clearly documents your individual circumstances.** *Must provide a document from each "a" and "b" below for request to be reviewed.*
 - a. Written statement from a relative
 - b. Other 3rd party documentation.
 - i. Any available documentation that verifies your situation. This might include court documents, official school records, case worker's files, newspaper articles, etc.
 - ii. Written statements from non-family members such as a minister, principal, counselor, teacher, etc.

3. **Provide your 2023 federal tax information.**
 - a. *If you filed a federal tax return for 2023* attach your 2023 Tax Return Transcript or a signed copy of your 2023 Federal Tax Return and all schedules if FA-DDX not used on your 2025-2026FAFSA Form. More information is available on our website at <https://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript>
 - b. *If you were not required to (and did not) file a federal tax return in 2023*, attach:
 - i. copies of all W2 form(s) provided by your employer(s) for 2023
 - ii. Verification of non-filing letter from the IRS. More information is available on our website at <https://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript>

Certifications, Signatures and Contact Information

By signing this *Request for Dependency Evaluation*, I certify that all information reported to qualify for federal financial assistance is complete and correct.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

*Student's Mailing Address: _____

Street City State and Zip

*Student's Telephone Numbers: _____

Home Cell

** To receive all correspondence from SCC, please keep your mailing address updated in the SCC records office. Most communications from the SCC financial aid office, including the award notification, will be sent to your SCC email account. Through My SCC Portal, you must review your email and announcements regularly to ensure you have the latest information about your financial aid. **

WARNING: If you purposely give false or misleading information, you may be fined, sentenced to prison or both.