



## Dependency Appeal 2026-2027

If you need assistance completing this form, please contact the Financial Aid Office at (585) 345-6900 or [financialaid@genesee.edu](mailto:financialaid@genesee.edu)

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ID/SSN:** \_\_\_\_\_

*If you are a dependent student who would like to be considered independent, complete this form and attach the appropriate documentation. **No adjustment will be considered if no documentation is attached.***

1. Three Letter Documentation:

- Personal Statement:** Attach a letter stating your extenuating circumstances or reasons why you believe that you should be considered an independent student for purposes of receiving federal financial assistance. At minimum, discuss such issues as your emancipation from your parents, your residency, your self-sufficiency, and your financial resources for 2024-2025 and projected 2026. Your letter should indicate why you cannot return to your parents' home.
  - Please note: living in a separate dwelling does not remove parental responsibility in filing federal financial aid applications, nor does a parent's refusal to complete necessary forms. Make sure you include a list of all anticipated 2026 income.
- Professional Letter:** Attach a letter from a person in a professional capacity (such as a member of the clergy, social worker, legal aid representative, school counselor, or an official at the facility that has accepted responsibility for your care) relating to your family circumstances. This statement must include the specific reasons for relinquishment of parental responsibility and control. The person making the statement should include their relationship to you and how that person has direct knowledge of your family circumstances.
- Confirmation Letter:** Attach a letter from a person that has first-hand knowledge of the extenuating circumstances regarding your emancipation from your parents. This letter should include the person's relationship to you, when they become knowledgeable of the extenuating circumstances, and a description of the situation in their own words.

2. Financial Resources:

Please check one:

- I am providing actual 2025 income (earned 1/1/25 – 12/31/25). Please attach a copy of 2024 Federal Tax Transcript or signed tax return, or 2024 benefits statement.
- I am providing an estimate of 2026 income (earning period 1/1/26 – 12/31/26). Please provide most recent paystub or benefits statement.

Income Source	Amount	Income Source	Amount
Wages, salaries, tips		Rental Income or Loss	
Unemployment		Social Security Benefits	
Alimony		TANF	
Business or Farm Income		Other:	

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_