

Appeal Request Form Instructions

MODIFIED INDEPENDENT STATUS

The criteria used to determine a student's category (Dependent or Independent Student) is found in Section 2 of Chapter 7 (Financial Need Assessment Process) in the 2017/2018 StudentAid BC Policy Manual, located here:

https://studentaidbc.ca/sites/all/files/school-officials/policy_manual.pdf

APPEAL CRITERIA

A student who would normally be classified as a Dependent Student by StudentAid BC, may appeal this status if:

- the student no longer communicates with her/his family due to an irreconcilable rift, and can provide satisfactory evidence of a severe and permanent breakdown in their relationship with the parent(s), e.g. being disowned. Unless a sudden serious situation has arisen recently, the family rift must have existed for at least one year before the student applied to StudentAid BC; and/or
- the student was a youth in continuing custody of a director of child welfare, or a participant in a Youth Agreement on their 19th birthday..

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

You must provide the following:

- a notarized statement from you detailing the nature of the family rift, how long the rift has existed, and why it continues.
- a letter from a professional third party (not a member of your immediate or extended family) on business letterhead, testifying as to the truthfulness of your explanation and providing an independent assessment of the situation. This letter must state how long the person has known you and in what capacity. The third party could be any of the following:
 - counsellor
 - psychologist
 - religious adviser
 - doctor
 - teacher
 - social worker, or
 - law enforcement officera detailed letter from your parent(s)/step-parent/sponsor/legal guardian explaining the nature of the family rift, how long the rift has existed and why it continues. NOTE: If a parental letter cannot be obtained, a second letter from another professional third party must be submitted.
- a letter from the appropriate provincial or territorial agency confirming that you were a youth under the guardianship of, or in a Youth Agreement with, the agency on your 19th birthday.

StudentAid BC cannot guarantee a final decision before your study period ends if all required documentation is not submitted by the appropriate deadline.

DEADLINE: SIX WEEKS BEFORE STUDY PERIOD ENDS

For detailed instructions and potential outcomes from the appeal visit the [StudentAid BC website](#)

Submit complete form to SABC.AppealsUnit@gov.bc.ca

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SECTION 1 – STUDENT INFORMATION

ALL QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED IN INK.

(01) SOCIAL INSURANCE NUMBER

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(02) STUDENT'S LAST NAME

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(03) STUDENT'S FIRST NAME

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MIDDLE INITIAL

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MINISTRY DATE STAMP

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(04) APPLICATION NUMBER

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SECTION 2 – DECLARATION

By submitting this request for an appeal, I understand that:

- 1) All terms agreed to on my application will remain in force.
- 2) StudentAid BC may consider information from prior applications in my appeal request.

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SIGNATURE OF STUDENT (IN INK)	PRINT NAME	DATE SIGNED
SIGN HERE	PRINT HERE	YYYY / MM / DD

Collection and use of information: The information included in this form and authorized above is collected under Sections 26(c) and 26(e) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, and under the authority of the *Canada Student Financial Assistance Act*, R.S.C. 1994, Chapter C-28 and StudentAid BC. The information provided will be used to determine eligibility for a benefit through StudentAid BC and for statistical and evaluation purposes. If you have any questions about the collection and use of this information, contact the Director, StudentAid BC, Ministry of Advanced Education, PO Box 9173, Stn Prov Govt, Victoria B.C., V8W 9H7, telephone 1-800-561-1818 (toll-free in Canada/U.S.) or (250)-387-6100 from outside North America.

