



2024-2025

Petition for Independent Status

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Dependent students are required to provide parental information to determine financial aid eligibility. However, students may petition if extraordinary circumstances prevent them from obtaining parental information. Petitions are not approved when parents are unwilling to provide information, do not claim their child on their tax return or if they do not provide financial support.

Section I – Student Information

_____	_____	_____
Last Name	First Name	etcLink ID
_____	_____	
Previous Last Name(s)	Email Required (Email is the default communication method)	

Section II – Personal Statement

Provide a detailed written response addressing all the following items. Your response may be provided on the back of this form or attached on a separate page.

- 1) Specify the location of both of your parents.
- 2) Describe the last time you had contact with each parent. Include the date, location and nature of your contact.
- 3) Explain why you cannot obtain parental information for the purpose of completing your FAFSA or WASFA.
- 4) Describe how you meet your living expenses and when you began paying for your own expenses.

Attach written statements from individuals who have first-hand knowledge of your circumstances and can support your statement. At least one letter must be on letterhead from a guidance counselor, physician, social worker, clergy person, or another individual who has first-hand knowledge of the circumstances in a professional capacity. List the contact information for the individuals below:

Name: _____	Name: _____
Relationship to you: _____	Relationship to you: _____
Phone #: _____	Phone #: _____

Section III – FAFSA/WAFSA

Yes, I have completed my 2024-2025 FAFSA/WAFSA

On your FAFSA/WAFSA be sure you have selected the Special Circumstances Flag to indicate that you are filing without parental information. Approved appeals are valid at Bellingham Technical College only and cannot be transferred to another school.

Signature Certification Required

By submitting this form, I agree that the information provided is complete and correct.

_____	_____	_____
Student Name	Student Signature	Date

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WRITTEN, PERSONAL STATEMENT or attach separate sheet