



2025-2026

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

ctcLink 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 2025-2026 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