## WAYNESBURG UNIVERSITY 2025-2026 UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES APPLICATION\*

The financial aid policies of Waynesburg University are based on the premise that the family is the primary source for a student's educational expenses. This same premise governs the federal, state and institutional student aid programs that are administered by the University. On the basis of this philosophy, a student must meet at least one of the following criteria to be considered an independent student for financial aid purposes: You were born before January 1, 2002; you are working on a master's or doctorate degree; you are married; you have children or dependents receiving more than half their support from you; you are or were an orphan, ward of the court, in foster care, an emancipated minor, in a legal guardianship, an unaccompanied youth or homeless; you are an active duty member or veteran of the United States Armed Forces. If you do not meet one of these criteria, then you are considered DEPENDENT for financial aid purposes and must provide the required parental information on the 2025-2026 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

If, however, your circumstances are unusual and warrant consideration for a dependency override by a Financial Aid Administrator, then please provide us with the following information:

STUDENT'S NAME	SS#
PERMANENT ADDRESS	
PHONE #	CELL#
Please explain the rationale and circumsta	nces that make you an independent student:

\*Please note that, per federal regulations, the following circumstances DO NOT warrant a dependency override: Parents refusing to contribute to a student's educational expenses; parents unwilling to provide information on the FAFSA; parents not claiming a student as a dependent for federal income tax purposes; the student's ability to demonstrate total financial self-sufficiency.

## **PARENTAL INFORMATION**

Father' name	Mother's name
Address	Address
Phone #	Phone #
<b>ADDITION</b>	AL REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION
In addition to the above information, p	lease provide the Financial Aid Office the following documentation:
	etters from two third-party sources (e.g., a lawyer, school counselor, member of ying your current living situation.
2. Signed copy of your 2023 and 2	2024 federal tax returns.
3. Documentation of your 2023 a	and 2024 non-taxable income and/or benefits.
EXPLANATION OF CURREN	T LIVING SITUATION AND HOW YOU SUPPORT YOURSELF?
I certify that the above information is	is accurate and true.  Date
	s regarding this application, please contact the
	Waynesburg University at (724) 852-3208 or