

Unusual Circumstances Request

Unusual circumstances refer to conditions that may warrant an adjustment to your dependency status when completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Unusual circumstances may include, but are not limited to, parental abandonment, refugee or asylee status, or incarcerations. It is important to note that financial self-sufficiency alone does not constitute an unusual circumstance.

To request consideration, complete and electronically sign this form. Please submit all relevant supporting documentation to when submitting this form. Be sure to protect your personal information; for example, remove all but the last four digits of any Social Security Numbers on any documents you submit. Notification of the decision by the Appeals Committee will be sent to your Hopkins email account or email supplied on your admissions application.

Student Information

Enter your personal and contact information

Student Name: _____

Hopkins/JHED ID: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Year of Study: _____

Academic Adviser: _____

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Describe your unusual circumstances. Please provide as much information as possible

What are the circumstances that preclude your ability to provide parental information?

When was the last time you saw your parent(s) or legal guardian(s)? Please provide any helpful context as to the nature of the meeting.

When did you last leave home and where have you been living?

Unusual Circumstances (Continued)

Describe your unusual circumstances. Please provide as much information as possible

How are you covering your living expenses at this time?

Where will you be staying when Hopkins is closed for breaks?

Please use this space if there is any additional information you would like to share.

Signature and Certification

I certify that all of the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Supporting Documentation

Include documentation from a third party, any additional information you would like to provide to the committee, and any other supporting documentation when submitting this form.

Acceptable documentation may include:

- Court order or official Federal or State documentation that your parent(s) are incarcerated;
- Statements from an attorney, guardian ad litem, court-appointed special advocate, or a representative of TRIO or GEAR UP program that confirms your circumstances, and their relationship to you;
- Other independent third-party testimonial;
- A documented determination of independence made by a financial aid representative at another institution in the current or prior academic year;
- Utility Bills, health insurance, or other documents that demonstrate your separation from parents or legal guardians
- Any other relevant supporting documents