California State University Bakersfield

Dependency Override Appeal

A financial aid administrator has the discretion to use professional judgement on a case-by-case basis to determine that unusual circumstances warrant making a dependent student an independent student.

Unusual circumstances do include:

- Human trafficking, as described in the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7101 et seq.);
- Legally granted refugee or asylum status;
- Parental abandonment or estrangement;
- Abuse;
- Student or parental incarceration; or
- Homeless Youth

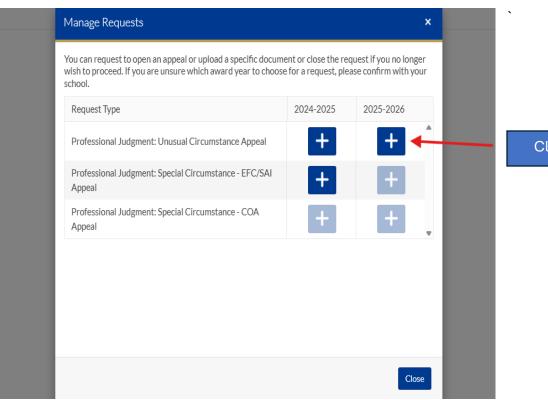
Please be aware that the following circumstances **DO NOT QUALIFY** for a dependency override.

- Parents refuse to contribute to the student's education or unwilling to provide information;
- Parents will not provide information for the FAFSA or verification;
- Parents do not claim the student as a dependent for income tax purposes;
- Student demonstrates total self-sufficiency;
- Parents live in another country.

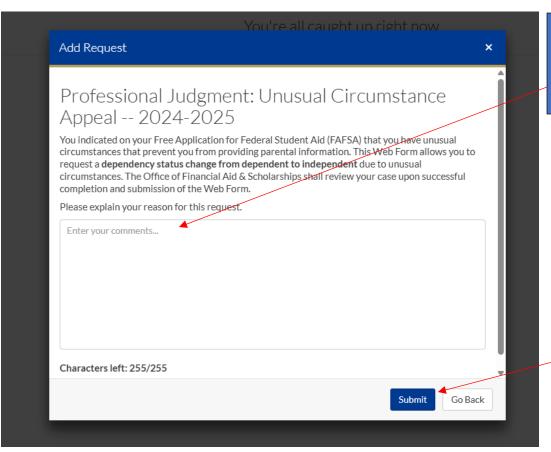
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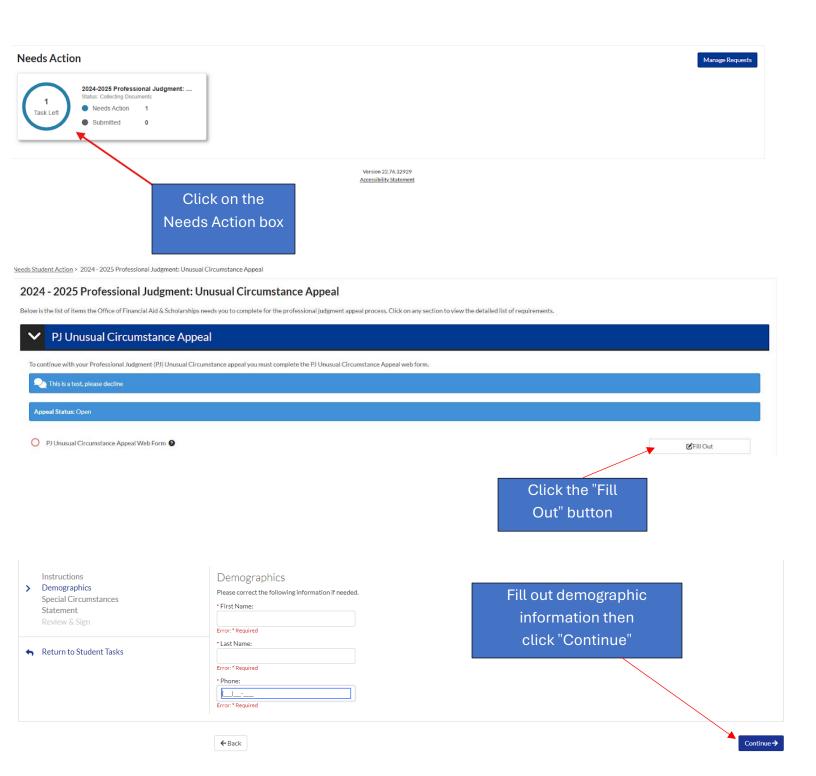


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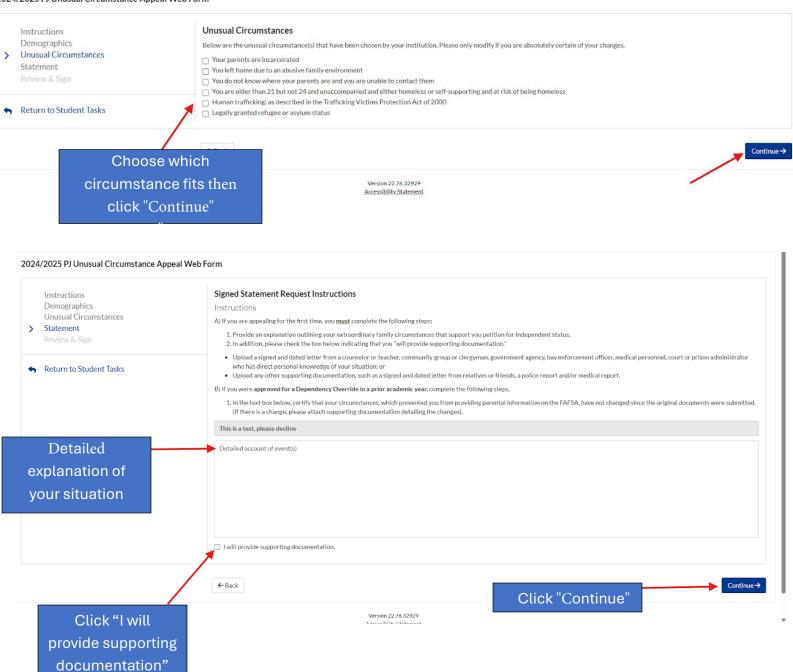


Provide a very brief reason for the request. Example- I was in an abusive environment.

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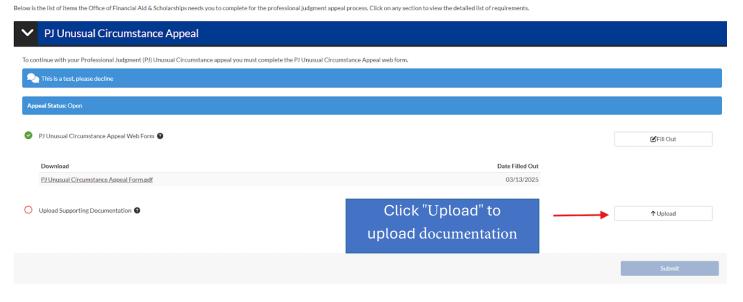


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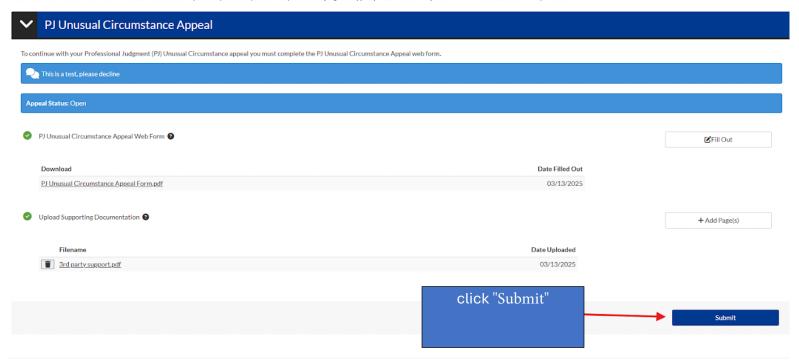
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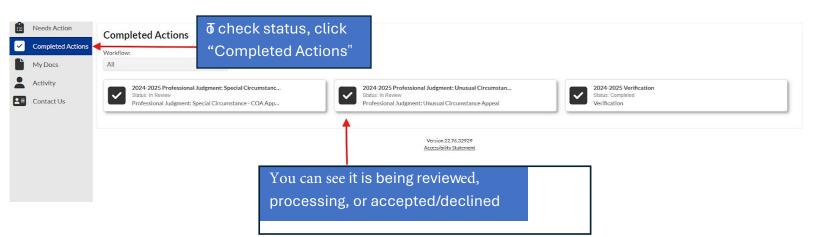


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Below is the list of items the Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships needs you to complete for the professional judgment appeal process. Click on any section to view the detailed list of requirements.





Please allow up to 2 weeks for your appeal to be reviewed