

Petition For Consideration Of
Independent Status due to Marriage
2026–2027



Name _____ Student ID _____
Phone _____ E-mail _____

This petition is used for consideration of changing your dependency status from dependent to independent due to a marriage that occurred after you submitted the 2026-2027 FAFSA. We will review your financial aid eligibility as a dependent and independent student and base the approval or denial of this petition on the status that results in the greatest amount of need-based financial aid.

Attach the following documents:

- Copy of your marriage certificate
- Copy of your Social Security card if your name changed as a result of marriage
- Signed copies of 2024 federal tax returns and W-2s for you, your spouse, and your parent contributors (if not previously submitted)

List the persons you will support between July 1, 2026 and June 30, 2027.

| Name | Age | Relationship to Student |
|-------|-------|-------------------------|
| _____ | _____ | <i>Self</i> |
| _____ | _____ | <i>Spouse</i> |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
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| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |

Spouse’s cash, checking savings balance as of your FAFSA filing date \$ _____
Spouse’s net worth of investments as of your FAFSA filing date \$ _____
Spouse’s net worth of current business and/or investment farms as of your FAFSA filing date \$ _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____
TYPED SIGNATURES ARE NOT ACCEPTED

Spouse Signature _____ Date _____
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RETURN THIS COMPLETED AND SIGNED FORM TO:
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218.477.2251 • Fax: 218.477.2058 • E-mail: financialaid@mnstate.edu