2027-2028 Unusual Circumstances Application

Students submitting this application have unusual circumstance that may include the following:

- Estrangement from parents due to abuse, neglect, abandonment, unsafe home environment, and etc
- Students having been granted refugee or asylum status and are unable to contact their parent(s)
- Parental incarceration
- Human trafficking, as described in the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (22 U.SS.C. 7101 et seq.)

The following situations are NOT considered unusual circumstances for financial aid purposes:

- Parents refusing to contribute to the student's education or provide information on the FAFSA
- Parents do not claim the student as a dependent for income tax purposes
- Student demonstrates total self-sufficiency

We understand the complexity surrounding students in these circumstances and are committed to approaching each unique situation with sensitivity. For currently enrolled students, please be advised that Student Financial Services staff members who obtain or receive information about conduct that reasonably may constitute sexual misconduct, abuse of a child or vulnerable adult, or harm to oneself or another individual must report that information to the Title IX Coordinator. Due to the sensitive nature of this information, please only include the information you are comfortable sharing.

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Phone: 612-330-1046 – Fax: 612-330-1308
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Student's Last Name:_____ **Student's First Name:**_____

Augsburg ID:_____

☐ **Provide a brief narrative explaining your situation.** We understand the complexity surrounding students in these circumstances and are committed to approaching each unique situation with sensitivity. Due to the sensitive nature of this information, please include the information you are comfortable sharing.

☐ **Provide two (2) sources of supporting documentation, which may include (but is not limited to):**

- Signed/dated letters from objective sources (teachers, counselors, social workers, therapists, religious workers, coaches, etc). The letters should address:
  - How they know the student,
  - Why the parents and the student are estranged and the length of time they have been estranged, and
  - How the student is supported financially.

- Signed/dated letters from an attorney, guardian ad litem, a court-appointed special advocate (or similar), or a representative of a TRIO or GEAR UP program that confirms the circumstances and the person's relationship to the student

- Written statement which confirms the unusual circumstance with:
  - State, county or Tribal welfare agency;
  - Independent living case worker who supports current and former foster youth with the transition to adulthood; or
  - A public or private agency, facility, or program servicing the victims of abuse, neglect, assault, or violence

- Court order or official Federal or State documentation that the student's parent(s) or legal guardians are incarcerated

If you have questions about other documentation you can provide OR if you cannot provide documentation, please email studentfinances@augsburg.edu

Signature *** Signing this form certifies that all information reported is complete and correct. ***

Student Signature:_____ **Date:**_____