

### **What is Emancipation?**

Emancipation is for in state tuition classification and does not require court documentation. You are an emancipated minor if you are less than 22 years old and if your parents have entirely surrendered the right to your care, custody, and earnings and if they have made no provision for your support. This means that your parents cannot provide financial support of any nature for any ordinary or necessary expense. Parental support includes, but is not limited to, gifts and loans (including PLUS loans) that you depend on for financial support. Trust funds or other assets established by your parents before the one-year domicile period are regarded as evidence of non-emancipation. Financial support cannot be from family, friends, co-workers, or significant others.

*[Dept. of Higher Education-Colorado <https://cdhe.colorado.gov/qualified-persons>](https://cdhe.colorado.gov/qualified-persons)*

### **To Qualify for Emancipation:**

If you will not be at least 23 years old as of the first day of class of the term for which you are petitioning, you may petition for emancipation. **Please note: An emancipated student must demonstrate total financial and residential independence.**

Documents Required:

- \*Emancipation Addendum
- \*Residency Petition and required documentation on residency petition.
- \*12 months of financial account statements (includes checking, savings, trust fund account, credit cards, etc.)
- \*12 months of utilities/phone/medical/car insurance statements
- \*12 months of pay stubs.
- \*Parent(s) federal income tax return for previous year

Additional documentation may be requested at the time of review. Monitor your UCCS email for important communications and decisions.

Answer all questions and provide all required documentation. **You must make a complete financial disclosure.** Failure to do so may delay processing and may result in the rejection of your petition. Please do not submit a petition with missing or incompleteness information. Include additional pages if you need space for your answers.

**Exceptions:** If you were a graduate student at the beginning of the 12-month emancipation/domicile period you may omit the following section. If you were married as of the beginning of the 12-month emancipation/domicile period, you may include a copy of your marriage certificate instead of completing the following section.

Due to the volume of documentation required for an emancipation claim, please submit your petition at least three weeks prior to the start of the term for which you are petitioning to receive in state tuition.

Student Name & UCCS ID#: \_\_\_\_\_



## Emancipation Addendum

To accompany Residency Petition for In-State Tuition  
Classification

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**E1:** List all expenses for the 12-month period prior to the term for which you are petitioning. Students applying for the fall term will begin with the previous August; spring term will begin with the previous January; and summer term will begin with the previous June.

Month/Year	Tuition and Fees	Local Rent/Mortgage	Food	Misc Expenses*
Month 1:				
Month 2:				
Month 3:				
Month 4:				
Month 5:				
Month 6:				
Month 7:				
Month 8:				
Month 9:				
Month 10:				
Month 11:				
Month 12:				
Total Each Column	\$	\$	\$	\$

\*Miscellaneous expenses include utilities, telephone, transportation, medical, recreation, insurance, books, supplies, etc.

**Total combines expenses for year: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**E2.** List all funds provided by parents, relatives, friends, significant others, and co-workers. List by month/year, amount, and reason.

**a.** To include gifts and loans from parents, and all other sources of income.

Month/Year	Amount	Reason

**E3.** In support of your claim of emancipation, you must prove total financial independence – Provide documentation in the form of Bank Statements, Checks, etc. each income source listed that clearly indicates the amount of income received and the date of receipt.

**a.** List all sources of financial support for your 12-month waiting period. For employment income, list total take-home pay (as documented on W-2 forms, payroll statements, or letters from employers) during the 12-month waiting period, not hourly or monthly wages. All commercial loans; college financial aid; personal savings; and all other sources. For any unreported income such as tips income, provide statements from employers verifying the amounts.

**b.** List all personal financial accounts held during the 12-month waiting period. Include savings and checking accounts, brokerage accounts, credit card accounts, Venmo, PayPal, and all other accounts of any kind. Please provide copies of all monthly statements from these accounts during the 12-month waiting period.

**c.** Provide parents’ federal tax return for the previous year. If claimed as a dependent on parents’ income tax return, this is considered support and would disqualify your claim of emancipation.

Source	Name & Address of Employer	Date of Receipt	Amount

**E4.** List any other assets held during the 12-month waiting period. For example, include real estate, trust funds, or any other source of income. Provide documentation of your ownership of each asset and documentation of the amount of funds available to you from each asset during the 12-month waiting period. In addition, document the original source of each asset.

**Please note: Assets originating from parents, friends or relatives will be considered evidence of support.**

Type of Asset	Date of Acquisition	Value at Beginning of Waiting Period	Original Source

**a.** If you are the beneficiary of a trust fund, attach a copy of the trust agreement and documentation stating the dates and amounts of any funds provided to the trust and the names of the persons providing such funds. Funds you have received from the trust during the 12-month waiting period must be documented by account statements or statements from the trustee.

**Please note: Funds you have received from the trust during the 12-month waiting period will be considered evidence of support.**

**b.** If you sold personal possessions for income to meet expenses, provide copies of sales receipts.

**c.** If friends or relatives provided loans or gifts, documentation must include statements from those individuals and from your parents indicating whether the grantor has been, or expects to be, compensated by your parents or such loans or gifts. Also provide copies of cancelled checks and other documentation (legal documentation or notarized letter) indicating terms of repayment.

**d.** If you will not be 23 years of age by the first day of the semester for which you are petitioning, indicate your anticipated sources of financial support for your college education and all expenses for one full year. List each of your individual incomes sources and the amount expected from each source. Include any available documentation for each source, including records of savings, loan applications, financial aid award letters and scholarships, or other relevant evidence.

**\*If upon periodic re-examination of an individual's status as an emancipated minor, it appears that the student is no longer emancipated, the student is subject to being reclassified as out-of-state for tuition purposes. If false information or any falsified supporting document is included in this petition, the petition will be void and any determination of in state tuition classification will be nullified.**

**\*By signing you are agreeing the information provided is accurate to the best of your knowledge.**

**Student Signature:**

**Date:**

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