



Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine
Office of Student Affairs

December 2024

Dear Applicant,

To apply for Cummings institutional financial aid without parent information, you must meet the school's minimum self-supporting criteria of five years, which includes minimum income levels and the requirements listed in the Affidavit of Self-Supporting Status, which must be submitted along with the required tax documents.

If you have been continuously self-supporting since the beginning of 2020, and provide the required documentation, you may receive consideration for Cummings institutional financial aid without parent information. If you do not meet the criteria, you will be required to provide parent(s) financial information when applying for institutional financial aid.

If your parent(s) provided financial support to you during the past five years or will provide financial support to you during your enrollment at Cummings, you do not meet the self-supporting requirements and must provide parent information when applying for institutional financial aid. Examples of support include, but not limited to, money or loan for support, housing, food, clothes, car, medical and dental care or payment of college costs.

In addition to submitting the affidavit, you must submit copies of your federal income tax returns for tax years 2020 through 2024. Your income must also meet or exceed the minimum income levels below. If your income did not meet the minimum levels, but you were not supported by a parent, you must provide information explaining how you met your living expenses.

Tax Year	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Minimum Income*	\$15,060	\$14,580	\$13,590	\$12,880	\$12,760

*Based on HHS Poverty Guidelines for Family Size of 1.

If you do not have copies of your tax returns, visit <http://www.irs.gov> to request a copy of your federal return(s) or IRS tax return transcript. We do not require copies of parent tax returns.

Students who do not qualify as self-supporting at matriculation will be required to provide parent information throughout enrollment when applying for institutional financial aid. However, those who qualify for self-supporting status need not resubmit documentation in subsequent years.

If you have any questions, please contact our office: vet-finaid@tufts.edu.

Sincerely,

Cummings Financial Aid Staff

CUMMINGS SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

AFFIDAVIT of SELF-SUPPORTING STATUS

Please submit by **February 3, 2025** via secure upload: <https://tufts.app.box.com/f/cecb4099ace3430eb9dca429b6126cde>

This form is to be completed by applicants to certify self-supporting status by providing the following to the Cummings Financial Aid Office:

1. Copies of federal tax returns for each of the five years prior to your matriculation date (2020 through 2024)
2. This statement certifying the applicant/student:
 - a. did not and will not receive any financial support (in gift or loan) from parent(s) for each of the five years prior to and during enrollment
 - b. has not and will not be claimed by parent(s) on tax returns for each of the five years prior to and during enrollment
 - c. did not and will not live with parent(s) for more than six weeks for each of the five years prior to and during enrollment
 - d. graduated from undergraduate school at least five years prior to Cummings School matriculation (2020 or earlier); if you graduated after 2020, you must be able to document that you were considered an independent student during undergraduate school
 - e. meets the required minimum income levels or can document self-support (non-parental)

Applicant's name: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip Code

Statement

I, _____, swear that I have not received and will not receive any financial support in any form, gift or loan, from a parent or guardian for each of the five years prior to and during enrollment, and

I have not been and will not be claimed as a federal income tax exemption by a parent or guardian for each of the five years prior to and during enrollment, and

I have not and will not live with a parent for more than six weeks for each of the five years prior to and during enrollment, and

I graduated from undergraduate school at least five years prior to Cummings School matriculation*, and

My income met or exceeded the following levels*:

Tax Year	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Minimum Income	\$15,060	\$13,580	\$13,590	\$12,880	\$12,760

* If criteria are not met, I will provide alternate documentation to document self-supporting status (non-parental).

I certify that the above statements are true and accurate. I agree to notify the Financial Aid Office in writing if any changes occur. I am aware that the information provided constitutes, in part, an application for federal funds, and that I may be liable under federal law for material omissions, or false or misleading information.

Date Signature of applicant

Date Signature of notary public Date commission expires

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PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN: Please submit this form by **February 3, 2025** via our secure upload site:

<https://tufts.app.box.com/f/cecb4099ace3430eb9dca429b6126cde>.

Student's Name _____

Parent 1 Name

Address _____

Street

City

State

Zip Code

Parent 2 Name _____

Address _____

Street

City

State

Zip Code

In what year did you provide the most recent financial support to the student? _____

Indicate the amount and type of support _____

Purpose of support _____

In what year did you last claim the student as a federal income tax deduction? _____

What was the last year in which the student lived with you for more than six weeks? _____

We affirm that the person named as applicant/student in this document has:

- not and will not receive any financial support from either parent or guardian for each of the five years prior to and during the student's enrollment, and
- the student has not and will not be claimed as a federal income tax exemption by either parent or guardian for each of the five years prior to and during the student's enrollment, and
- the student has not resided and will not reside with either parent or guardian for more than six weeks for each of the five years prior to and during the student's enrollment

I certify that the above statements are true and accurate. I agree to notify the Financial Aid Office in writing if any changes occur. I am aware that the information provided constitutes, in part, an application for federal funds, so that I may be liable under federal law for material omissions, or false or misleading information.

Date

Signature of Parent 1 or Guardian

Date

Signature of Parent 2 or Guardian

Date

Signature and seal of notary public

Date commission expires