This appeal form is for male students who are over 25 years old and never registered for Selective Service between the ages of 18-25. Selective Service registration is a mandatory requirement in order to receive federal student aid. It is a process by which the US Government collects names and addresses of men between the ages of 18-25 to use in the event that a national emergency may require a draft for the expansion of the Armed Forces. Students who did not register are not eligible for financial aid but may appeal their status if extenuating circumstances occurred that made it impossible for the student to register for Selective Service. The following are examples of extenuating circumstances:

- If you entered the United States after your 26th birthday
- If you were born prior to 1960
- If you did not register because you were in active duty with the Armed Forces
- If you were incarcerated, hospitalized, or institutionalized for medical reasons between 18-25 and you were at least 26 years old by the time you were released
- If you moved several times between 18-25 and never received the notification to register

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

Complete all requirements outlined below before submitting this appeal to the Financial Aid Office. Be thorough as the information provided on this appeal will ultimately determine your eligibility to receive financial aid at DVC.

1. Write a **PERSONAL STATEMENT** on a separate piece of paper explaining your situation and attach it to this form. You must clearly describe the extenuating circumstances that occurred which made it impossible for you to register for Selective Service.

2. Provide **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION** that verifies/substantiates the reasons why you were not able to register. This is an essential part of your appeal as providing sufficient documentation increases the likelihood that your appeal will be approved. Some examples of supporting documentation are:

   - A copy of your passport with the date of entry into the United States or a letter from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) indicating the date you entered the United States
   - A copy of your DD-214 to verify that you were on Active Duty with the US Armed Forces
   - Documentation proving you lived in several places between ages 18-25 and never received the notification to register for Selective Service in the mail
   - Valid ID showing date of birth is prior to 1960
   - Legal or medical documentation to verify that you were incarcerated, hospitalized, or institutionalized between 18-25 and you were at least 26 years old by the time you were released

**By signing this form, I certify that:** (Initial by each statement)

____ All statements and/or supporting documentation are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
____ I understand that further documentation may be requested if needed in order to reach a decision.
____ Once a decision has been made, I will be notified in writing via the Insite Portal email. I understand that appeal processing may take more than 4-6 weeks during peak times.
____ I understand that if my appeal is denied, I will be ineligible for financial aid.

**STUDENT’S SIGNATURE:** ___________________________ **DATE:** ________________