

DEPENDENCY PETITION 2009 – 2010

This form is for Dependent Students who DO NOT meet the Federal criteria for "Independent" Status but wish to have their unique circumstances reviewed in order to be considered an Independent Student for Financial Aid purposes. Students who are estranged from their parents due to extreme circumstances (e.g., Child Abuse, Abandonment, Family Alcoholism or Drug Abuse, etc.) which can be documented by an objective third party (e.g., Supporting Adult, Pastor, High School or College Counselor, a Social Service Agency Official, etc.) may qualify for this professional judgment process.

A. Student Information

Last Name (Print)	First Name	CSID #:
Address (Include apartment number)		Social Security Number
City	State	Zip Code
E-mail Address		Date of Birth
		Phone Number (include area code)

Complete and submit this form along with the required documentation to the Financial Aid Office. After this request and your documentation are reviewed, we will notify you in writing with our decision.

B. Required Documentation

The information you provide will be confidential

- **Must include a letter explaining the reason for your request that:**

Details the circumstances under which you are appealing to be considered an independent student. Provide as much specific information as possible. You must include the physical location of both parents; a description of the last time you lived with or had contact with each of your parents; when, where and the nature of the contact; and why you cannot obtain parental information at this time. Describe how you have been self-supporting; **a)** when did you start meeting your expenses without parental support and **b)** How do you pay for your living & personal expenses? Attach copies of your Federal 2008 tax return & W-2's, or proof of income if you were not required to file Federal Taxes. *(It is not relevant if your parents did not claim you as an exemption; if you supported yourself; if they are unwilling or unable to pay; if you don't communicate with them, or if it is difficult to acquire their information.)*

Attached
- **Must include Two (2) statements on letterhead stationery from an objective third Party (e.g., Supporting Adult, High School or College Counselor, a Social Service Agency Official, etc) AND at least ONE statement must be from someone WHO IS NOT a relative or friend, who witnessed * your circumstances.**

*Note: An adult who witness your circumstances and can fully explain your situation.

C. FAFSA

Have you already submitted a 2009-2010 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)?

- Yes:** Submit this form with the required documentations outlined above.
- No:** Complete a 2009-2010 FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov. If you are unable to provide parental information, you may still submit your FAFSA. However, if you choose not to provide parental Information, your application will remain incomplete until this dependency override is approved. If this appeal is not approved, you will be required to update your FAFSA to include your parents' information.

D. Required Signature

I certify that the information I have provided is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I agree to provide proof supporting the information on this form. I certify that any copies of tax returns that I have provided are true copies of the documents as filed with the IRS. I realized that giving false or misleading information may result in a \$20,000 dollar fine, a prison sentence or both.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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____ approved based on PJ for unusual circumstances ____ denied

Signed: _____ Date: _____