INDAPL

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Appeal for Independent Status
2006-2007

Federal regulations state that a student is considered independent for financial aid if he or she can answer yes to any one of the following questions:

- Were you born **before** January 1, 1983?
- Will you be working on a degree beyond a bachelor's degree in school year 2006-2007?
- As of today, are you married? (Answer yes if you are separated, but not divorced).
- Do you have children who received more than half of their support from you ***or*** do you have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and receive more than half of their support from you (now through June 30, 2007)?
- Are you an orphan or ward of the court, or **were** you a ward of the court until age 18?
- Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training?
- Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces? (If yes, submit your DD214 Form)

If you do not meet any of the criteria listed above and feel your circumstances warrant review for independent status, submit this form and supporting documents to the Financial Aid Office for review.

A student is ***NOT*** *considered independent* solely on:

- self-sufficiency
- a parent's unwillingness to provide information
- a parent's unwillingness to assist with educational expenses
- a parent not claiming the student as a dependent for income tax purposes

Student's Name:_____ **Student ID#:**_____
Last First M.I.

Address:_____
Street City State ZIP

Phone: ( )_____ E-Mail:_____

INSTRUCTIONS: Attach documents listed below:

- ☐ A detailed, written statement explaining your extenuating circumstances.
  - the reason you are not in contact with your parents
  - the reason parental information is not available
  - the date you last had contact with your parents
  - details about how you have supported yourself since you last had contact with your parents
  - information about any support you received from other persons (with whom you may have lived) since you last had contact with your parents
- ☐ Two letters of support from city, state, federal agencies, school or community members (clergy, teachers, or social workers) who are familiar with your situation. Letters of support should include the name and relationship (to you) of the person providing the statement, and state how long the agency or person has been aware of your situation.
- ☐ A signed copy of your 2005 federal tax return. If you did not file a tax form, provide an explanation of how you have supported yourself. Attach a copy of your W-2s if you worked but did not file tax returns.

Student Certification

The enclosed information is true and correct. I understand that any false statements or misrepresentations will be cause for denial, reduction, cancellation, or repayment of financial aid.

Signature:_____ Date:_____

Office Use Only

Date Received:_____ Approved:_____ Denied:_____ Additional Information Requested:_____

Comments:_____