

Financial Aid Office
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Appeal for Independent Status 2011-2012

Please read the following information before submitting an Appeal for Independent Status. 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, 1988?
- As of today, are you married? (Answer “Yes” if you are separated but not divorced.)
- At the beginning of the 2011–2012 school year, will you be working on a master’s or doctorate program (such as an MA, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, EdD, or graduate certificate, etc.)?
- 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?
- Do you have children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2011, and June 30, 2012?
- Do you have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2012?
- At anytime since you turned age 13, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care or were you a dependent/ward of the court?
- As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you an emancipated minor?
- As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you in legal guardianship?
- At any time on or after July 1, 2010, did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless?
- At any time on or after July 1, 2010, did the director of an emergency shelter program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless?
- At any time on or after July 1, 2010, did the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?

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

Complete, read, and sign Page 2 of this form and provide required documentation.

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Student's Name: (First, Last, MI) _____

Address: _____

Student ID#: _____ Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

INSTRUCTIONS: Attach documents (1-3) as listed:

1. A detailed, written statement explaining your extenuating circumstances. Your statement should include the following information:
 - 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 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 your last contact with your parents

2. Two letters of support from city, state, federal agencies, school or community members (e.g., 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.

3. A signed copy of your 2010 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 2010 W-2s if you worked but did not file tax returns.

4. Please submit your 2011-2012 FAFSA online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The priority filing deadline is March 2, 2011.

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: _____