

2019-2020 Dependency Status Review



Student's Name: _____ Student ID#: _____

There are federal requirements that a student must meet to qualify for financial aid as an independent student. If you do not meet one of the criteria, you will be evaluated as a dependent student, meaning that your parents must provide income and asset information. There are circumstances that may warrant re-evaluation of your status. Providing the following information will permit the financial aid administrator to make this determination.

1) **A personal letter of appeal explaining the reason for your request for a dependency override.** The letter should be one to two pages and provide as much detail as possible describing your separation from your parents. You are required to include the following information:

- The whereabouts of your biological father and his current living arrangements. Include the last contact you had with your biological father and the frequency of contact with him over the past five (5) years.
- The whereabouts of your biological mother and her current living arrangements. Include the last contact you had with your biological mother and the frequency of contact with her over the past five (5) years.
- Why you cannot provide parental financial information on the 2019-2020 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Your living arrangements over the past five (5) years. With whom have you resided. Who has provided support to you over the past five (5) years?
- Your name, Student ID number, and signature.

2) **Letters from two individuals who can attest to your situation.** Their letters should be one to two pages and provide as much detail as possible describing your separation from your parents.

- The first letter should be from a professional individual not related to the student counselor, social worker, clergy, police, etc.
- The second letter can be from either a professional or nonprofessional individual.
- Each letter must include the individual's name, title or position, address and must be signed.
- The individuals cannot be related to each other AND must reside at separate addresses.

(Turn Over)

3) Your 2017 Tax Return

Please indicate the amount and source (examples: wages, monetary gifts from persons other than your parents, interests income, etc.) of your annual income for 2017 and 2018 and 2019:

2017	\$ _____	_____
	Amount	Source(s)
2018	\$ _____	_____
	Amount	Source(s)
2019	\$ _____	_____
	Amount	Source(s)

4) Please complete the following statement of your annual calendar year expenses:

	1/17 – 12/17	1/18 – 12/18	1/19 – 12/19
Housing and Utilities	_____	_____	_____
Food	_____	_____	_____
Transportation (car payment, gas, Insurance, maintenance etc)	_____	_____	_____
Child and /or Dependent Care	_____	_____	_____
Credits cards	_____	_____	_____
Other	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL	_____	_____	_____

All the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If asked by an authorized official, I agree to give proof of the information that I have given. I realized that if I do not provide proof when asked, I (the student) may not get financial aid. You must notify the financial aid office at once if the financial information on this form changes.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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