



REQUEST FOR DEPENDENCY STATUS REVIEW
2009-2010

Student Name _____ **Soc. Sec. No.** _____

If you are considered a dependent student according to the financial aid definition, your aid eligibility is determined by using parent income and asset information in addition to your information. Financial aid regulations state that dependent students are required by law to provide parental information and signatures to be considered for financial aid.

If you can document why you should be considered independent due to extraordinary circumstances, you may petition for a waiver of federal regulations requiring parental information. **You must meet ONE of the criteria described below. Please call and schedule an appointment with an Associate Director of Financial Aid once you have all the required documentation. Our phone number is 732-224-2361.**

Check the reason that best describes your situation – DOCUMENTATION IS REQUIRED

- I have been separated from my parents due to an unsafe home environment. **(Attach 3rd party documentation from a court, social service agency, or other similar source.)**
- I have been separated from my parents and I come from a documented background of historical poverty and I live with a relative who is providing support. **(Attach 3rd party documentation from a court, social service agency or similar source.)**
- My economic and personal circumstances are of such a unique or unusual nature that denial of independent status would create an unjust hardship. **(Attach 3rd party documentation from a court, social service agency or similar source.)**

Please provide a written explanation describing the circumstances, which has caused you to request a dependency status review. You should include a brief history as well as the answers to the following questions:

1. Where are both of your parents located?
2. When and where was the last time you had contact with each of your parents and what was the nature of the contact?
3. How have you been self-supporting? When did you start meeting your expenses without parental support?

Student Signature _____ **Date** _____

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Approved Denied

Comments

FAO Signature _____ **Date:** _____