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PETITION FOR DEPENDENCY STATUS REVIEW

Student Name _____ Student ID # _____

Financial aid regulations assume that the family has primary responsibility for meeting the educational costs of students. A student's living situation (that is, if the student is living with his/her parents) does not affect the dependency status. 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. Dependent students are required by law to provide parental information and signatures to be considered for financial aid.

Occasionally, due to unusual circumstances, students should not be considered as dependent. If you can document why you should be considered independent for some unusual reason, you may petition for a waiver of federal regulations requiring parental information.

Check the reason that best describes your situation

- _____ I have been separated from my parents due to an unsafe home environment. **(Please 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 social service agency or respected member of the community.)**
- _____ My economic and personal circumstances are of such a unique or unusual nature that denial of independent student status would create an unjust hardship. **(Attach 3rd party documentation from a court, social service agency or similar source.)**

Please attach a separate sheet explaining in detail the answers to these questions:

1. Identify the location of both your parents.
2. Describe the last time you had contact with each of your parents – when, where, and the nature of the contact.
3. Explain what unusual circumstances should make you an independent student.
4. Describe how you have been self-supporting: a) when did you start meeting your expenses without parental support; and b) how have you provided for yourself?

Date _____ Student Signature _____

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Comments: _____

Date: _____ FAO Signature: _____