

DEPENDENCY PETITION

Eligibility for assistance is based on the assumption that students and their parents are primarily responsible for paying for education. If the directions on your financial aid application instruct you to provide parents' information, then by law you are dependent on your parents. In extreme hardship cases, the Office of Financial Aid may be able to assist a student who is technically dependent, but who does not or cannot have contact with his/her parents. This will apply to situations where the students' physical or emotional welfare is jeopardized by contact with the parent. In such cases, the student must complete this form and attach written documentation from a third party professional (e.g., minister, psychologist, social worker, etc.).

NOTE: A parent's unwillingness to provide information is not sufficient grounds for performing a change in dependency status.

Student's Name: _____

SSN: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Biological Parents: Mother

Father

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

1. What are your present living arrangements (who do you live with, how much rent do you pay each month?) and since what date?

2. How do you support yourself and meet your living expenses?

3. When was the last time you lived with your **father**? _____ With your **mother**? _____
Month/Year Month/Year

4. When was the last time you had any contact with your **father**? _____ With your **mother**? _____
Month/Year Month/Year

5. When did your **father** last provide any form of support for you? _____ Your **mother**? _____
Month/Year Month/Year

PLEASE ALSO COMPLETE THE BACK OF THIS FORM. AN INCOMPLETE PETITION WILL DELAY THE FINANCIAL AID PROCESS OR COULD BE JUST CAUSE FOR DENIAL OF THIS PETITION.

If your **parents have divorced, separated or were never married or your parent is widowed**, answer the following question about the parent you lived with most and provided the most financial support in the last 12 months.

6. Why are your parents no longer able to support you? _____

Please attach a separate sheet of paper if necessary to provide additional information that you feel supports your request to be considered as an independent student.

Additional Documentation Required:

Attach statements from two responsible adults who are aware of your situation. At least one statement must be from someone who is not a relative or friend (e.g., minister, psychologist, social worker, etc.). Copies of appropriate court documents are acceptable to support your petition.

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND I UNDERSTAND THAT IT WILL BE USED TO OVERRIDE FEDERAL REGULATIONS REGARDING MY DEPENDENCY STATUS.

I FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT IF I MOVE BACK WITH MY PARENTS OR RECEIVE ANY KIND OF SUPPORT FROM THEM, I MUST REPORT THIS TO THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID IMMEDIATELY.

Student's Signature

DATE

Approved

Denied

Comments: _____

FA Specialist Signature

DATE