



2009-2010 Appeal for Independent Status

NAME _____

STUDENT SS# _____ STUDENT ID _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

Procedure:

1. Attach a personal letter regarding your unusual family circumstances which explains why you should not be required to submit your parents' financial information. You should include a complete history of where you have lived, your sources of income, and how you have supported yourself since not living with your parents.
2. Complete and sign a paper *2009-2010 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)* leaving the parental section information blank and enclose it with your appeal. The paper FAFSA is available as a PDF file which you can download and print at <http://FederalStudentAid.ed.gov> or by contacting the Financial Aid Office.
3. Complete this form and attach **three letters of support** documenting your situation. Third parties such as high school officials, social workers, counselors, physicians, clergy members, etc. should write these letters. Letters from the following people are attached:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Phone #</u>	<u>Relationship</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

I understand that I do not meet any of the standard criteria for independent status, but my family situation is so extreme that neither of my parents should be considered as a resource for my education.

I understand this is a request that is subject to the professional judgment of the Financial Aid Services' office and I authorize the office to contact any person whom I have asked to document my situation. Further documentation may be requested and any decision rendered is final.

Signed: _____ Date: _____