

2011-2012 CHANGE OF DEPENDENCY STATUS FORM

IMPORTANT: Please read the following information carefully before completing this form:

Students who answer "No" to all thirteen (13) dependency questions in Step Three of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) are considered to be dependent for financial aid purposes. Dependent students must provide their parents' information in Step Four of the FAFSA.

The following are **NOT** examples of adverse home situations and cannot be used as the basis of an application for a change of dependency status:

- Refusal by the parents to provide information
- Students are not living with their parents
- Students have no contact with their parents
- Parents do not support the student
- Parents do not claim the student on their tax return
- Students claim to be self-supporting
- Refusal by the parents to provide copies of Tax Returns
- Parents live outside the United States

WARNING: Being considered independent **DOES NOT** automatically make a student eligible for more financial aid. In many cases, students may actually receive more financial aid as a dependent student.

The purpose of completing the attached forms is to document the adverse home situation of a student. If you feel that you are from an adverse home situation, please do the following:

1. Complete the Statement of Information.
2. Complete the Personal Statement of Explanation.
3. Give the third party certification to a person who knows your family situation. Such a person might be a minister, teacher, social worker, counselor, adult family member or other adult who knows you and your family. Ask this person to describe the relationship between you and your parents, giving us enough detail to make a determination as to whether your situation is adverse.
4. Submit all completed forms to a Financial Aid Technician for review and consideration.

2011-2012 STATEMENT OF INFORMATION

(To Be Completed by the Student)

Do not leave any question blank

Last Name

First Name

Social Security Number

1. What are your parents' names and current addresses?

Father's Name and Address	Mother's Name and Address

2. When was the last time you lived with and received support from your Father? _____

3. When was the last time you lived with and received support from your Mother? _____

4. Why are your parents unable to provide support or information to complete your financial aid application? _____

5. Please indicate how you are currently supporting yourself in 2011 and how you supported yourself in 2010 _____

Certification: I certify that all information reported on this form is true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge. False statements or misrepresentation will be cause for denial, reduction, withdrawal, and/or repayment of financial aid. **I UNDERSTAND THAT I MUST REPORT CHANGES OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION TO THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE.**

Student's Signature

Date

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Financial Aid Technician Comments and Decision:

_____ Approved _____ Denied

Rationale: _____

FA Technician Signature: _____ Date: _____

2011-2012 PERSONAL STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION

(To Be Completed by the Student)

Last Name

First Name

Social Security Number

Please print or type a statement describing your adverse home situation and your relationship with your parents. Be sure to provide enough detail as to why the Financial Aid Office should change your status. Attach additional sheets, if needed.

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Student's Signature

Date _____

To the student: **Please give this form to an adult such as a minister, teacher, social worker, or counselor who knows you and your family and who knows your situation well.**

Social Security Number

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Date _____

Known Student Since

Telephone Number

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