

2015-2016 PETITION FOR INDEPENDENCE

Name: _____	_____	_____	_____
	First	M.I.	Last
S#: S _____	Phone #: _____		
Email: _____	_____@student.ccd.edu		
Your official CCD email account is the only email CCD will accept for correspondence.			
<i>I affirm that I have read, understand, and agree to this form in its entirety and that the information supplied is true and complete.</i>			
Student: _____	_____	_____	_____
	Print Name	Signature	Date

In order for the Financial Aid Office to consider this Petition for Independence, you must document an extreme, unique and/or unusual family circumstance that prevents you from obtaining parental information for your FAFSA. Examples include family abuse or neglect, parental desertion and other situations where contact between you and your parent(s) is strained or nonexistent. Submission of this Petition and documentation does not guarantee the Petition will be approved.

A student cannot be considered independent if a parent refuses to provide information on the FAFSA or does not support the student financially.

You must have a current 2015-2016 FAFSA on file in our office. To complete the FAFSA, fill out the student section and sign your FAFSA application using your FAFSA PIN. Your FAFSA will be rejected because it is missing parental information. If this Petition is approved, the Financial Aid Office will process your FAFSA. If this Petition is denied, you may speak with a Financial Aid Advisor to discuss your options or add parental information to the FAFSA. If you are unable to provide the required information to complete your FAFSA, you may be required to cover your educational costs without the benefit of federal or state financial aid.

Attach all of the following required documents and answer all of the questions on the reverse side of this form:

New Petitions:

1. A signed, detailed personal statement explaining why you are unable to acquire your biological or adoptive parents' information for the FAFSA. Provide as much information as possible. Your statement must discuss your relationship with both of your biological or adoptive parents. Fully understanding your situation will help our office determine your dependency status. You must submit a copy of the death certificates if you are appealing due to having deceased parents.
2. A signed, detailed statement from an unbiased third party supporting your appeal and the reasons you are unable to obtain parental information. Examples of an acceptable third party include: case manager, social worker, police report, court documentation or another unbiased source that is aware of your situation. Documentation on letterhead with contact information from the third party is required. Your third party must address the situation with both of your biological or adoptive parents.
3. A copy of your 2014 federal income tax return transcript, if you filed, or copies of your 2014 W-2s if you were employed but you were not required to file a return.
4. A Verification Worksheet – Dependent Student Form 1, available at www.ccd.edu/studentforms or at the Financial Aid Office. Leave parent information blank at this time. If your Petition is denied, we may request that you add parental information to the form

Previously Approved Petitions:

1. A brief explanation of why your appeal was previously approved and your current situation and relationship with both of your parents.
2. A copy of your 2014 federal income tax return transcript, if you filed, or copies of your 2014 W-2s if you were employed but you were not required to file a return.
3. A Verification Worksheet – Dependent Student Form 1, available at www.ccd.edu/studentforms or at the Financial Aid Office. Leave parent information blank at this time. If your Petition is denied, we may request that you add parental information to the form.

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Complete all of the following questions and attach your signed personal and third party statements to this form:

1. Where are your parents living now? _____
2. When did you last live with your parent(s)? _____
3. When did you last have contact (in person, telephone, etc.) with your biological or adoptive mother?

4. When did you last have contact (in person, telephone, etc.) with your biological or adoptive father?

5. When did your parent(s) last provide financial support for you? (Examples include: medical insurance, car insurance, housing, etc.)

6. How have you supported yourself? _____
7. If you have not supported yourself, who has supported you? _____

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Each request will be reviewed on a case by case basis. Approval or denial of this Petition will be determined by the Professional Judgment Committee and is final. Approval of this Petition does not guarantee that you will receive any additional financial aid funds. You will be notified in writing via your CCD email account when a decision is made or if additional information is required.

Internal Use Only

Approved Denied

Committee Members: _____
Print Name Date