

## STUDENT INFORMATION

NAME _____	HOME ADDRESS _____
CID or SSN _____	CITY/TOWN _____
PHONE # _____	STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

The Office of SFS may consider a student under the age of 24 as self-supporting only in unusual circumstances. Completing this form does not guarantee that there will be changes to your financial aid status. Decisions are made on a yearly basis. Please review the following circumstances that our office cannot consider:

### Circumstances that will not be considered:

- Student is living at home (or with relatives) but paying rent
- Student has ongoing arguments with parents' and due to this the parents have refused to help the student
- Student has chosen to leave parents and put him or herself through college
- Parents have chosen not to provide help with the student's college expenses or provide financial information
- Student lives with or has a step-parent who refuses to provide support or income information

### SECTION A YOU MUST MEET ONE OF THE FOLLOWING

- Your parents have been permanently declared incompetent by judicial action.
- You are receiving public assistance. Public assistance does not include food stamps, unemployment compensation, or aid as a dependent child under the Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) program.
- You are receiving Social Security Income or Supplemental Social Security Income (SSI) under your name. This does not include Social Security benefits you are receiving due to a death of a parent (survivor's benefits) or any other benefits received under your parents' names.
- You have been rendered financially independent due to the involuntary dissolution of your family resulting in relinquishment of your parents' responsibility and control. Examples can include but are not limited to: abuse, abandonment, unfit environment, etc.

### IF YOU MEET ONE OR MORE OF THE REQUIREMENTS IN SECTION A

Please attach official documentation (such as court orders, evidence from Social Security officials, or notarized affidavits). Documentation should be detailed and specific.

**Documentation should also include a disinterested third party individual, substantiating your claim of independence. A disinterested third party is a person who will not benefit from the student being granted independent status.**

SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ALONG WITH THIS FORM

- Independent Verification Worksheet
- 2011 IRS Tax Transcript
- Independent Clarification of Income Form (If you did not file a 2011 Income Tax Return)
- Signed statement detailing your appeal
- Signed third party letter

**For all forms, go to [www.purchase.edu/financialservices/help](http://www.purchase.edu/financialservices/help), then click "Forms".**

**SECTION B** IF YOU DO NOT MEET ANY OF THE CONDITIONS ON THE FIRST PAGE

If you do not meet any of the conditions listed in Section A (or on the FAFSA), you will not be considered as independent for financial aid purposes, and will be required to provide your parent's information on the FAFSA.

**SECTION C** FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**NYS RESIDENTS ONLY**

If you are a New York Resident and your dependency status has changed for federal aid eligibility, you are not automatically considered independent for a NYS TAP award. You may still have to file for NYS TAP as a dependent student.

**CERTIFICATION**

The student must sign the form, and is certifying that all information reported on this form to qualify for federal aid is accurate and complete he/she that they will provide all the required documentation.

**WARNING**

If you purposely give false or misleading information on this form, you may get a fine, a prison sentence or both.

**PLEASE NOTE: THIS DOES NOT GIVE YOU AN EXTENSION ON YOUR BILL. YOU ARE SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL DEADLINES. PLEASE COMPLETE ALL INFORMATION. IF LEFT BLANK, THIS FORM WILL BE RETURNED TO YOU.**

**STUDENT SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_