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Request for Independent Status for the FAFSA

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

CWID: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Occasionally due to unusual or special circumstances, it is difficult for students to be considered "Independent." An unwillingness of a parent to help with expenses or pay tuition is not a reason for a student to request to be determined independent. If you feel you should be considered independent based on special circumstances, you may petition for a waiver of the financial aid regulations requiring parental information.

Check the reason that best describes your situation – DOCUMENTATION IS REQUIRED!

I have been separated from my parents due to an unsafe home environment. (Attach 3rd party documentation from a court, social service agency, high school guidance counselor, priest/pastor, or other sources – example – police department).

Temporary/permanent custody was granted to an individual or agency other than my parents. (Attach 3rd party documentation from a court, social service agency, high school guidance counselor, priest/pastor, or other sources.)

I have a mother/father who is deceased and the whereabouts of the surviving parent are unknown. (Attach 3rd party documentation from a high school guidance counselor, priest/pastor, and a death certificate)

I have extenuating circumstances that are not outlines above. (Attach 3rd party documentation from a court, social service agency, high school guidance counselor, priest/pastor, or other sources.)

Please answer the following questions:

1. Explain what unusual circumstances should make you an independent student.

Blank lines for writing the answer to question 1.

2. Identify, if known, the location of both of your parents.

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3. Describe the last time you had contact with each of your parents.

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4. Describe how you support yourself financially without your parents help?

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Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_