



2009-2010 Dependency Status Appeal Form

Student ID Number: _____ Email: _____

Student's Full Legal Name: _____ , _____
(Please print clearly) last first middle

Most undergraduate students are considered dependent under federal guidelines. However, a student may have extenuating family circumstances that warrant special consideration for independent status. This form gives a student the ability to appeal dependency status for reasons **other than financially self-supporting**. The most common reasons would be abuse, abandonment, or another similar type of irreconcilable difference within the family.

Please note that the 2009-2010 FAFSA includes several new dependency questions. Please review these questions to determine if you need to file an appeal. These questions are located at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Under the "Before Beginning a FAFSA" section, you will see a link to "Determine Your Dependency Status". If you can answer **yes** to any of the dependency questions, **you do not need to complete the dependency appeal** and can file the FAFSA on-line as an independent student.

A **parent(s) unwillingness or inability to pay** for a student's education is **not recognized** by the Federal Government as an allowable dependency appeal.

To be considered for the maximum amount of aid, your appeal must be received by **March 11, 2009**.

For your appeal to be complete, you must provide the following **four (4) documents**:

- A **signed, detailed** letter from you explaining your extenuating circumstance, including your relationship with both natural parents, and how you plan to support yourself and your educational efforts.
- Two (2)** separate **notarized** letters from independent sources who can attest first-hand to your situation. These two (2) letters must be **detailed** and include each person's individual relationship to you and as much information about your situation as possible. **Identical letters will be returned as incomplete.**
- A complete 2009-2010 paper FAFSA signed by you the student.

If you purposely give false or misleading information, you may receive a fine, a prison sentence, or both. By signing this form, I certify that all information is complete and correct.

Student's Signature _____ Date _____