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Student Name (Last, First) Student ID Number

2025-2026 Request for Independent Status Form

Occasionally, due to unusual circumstances, students cannot obtain parental information. If you cannot provide this for some unusual reason, you may petition for a waiver of federal regulations requiring parental information. Please note, none of the following conditions, singly or in combination, qualify as unusual circumstances meriting a request for independent status: 1) parents refuse to contribute to the student's education; 2) parents will not provide information for the FAFSA or verification; 3) parents do not claim the student as a dependent for income tax purposes; 4) student demonstrates total self-sufficiency. In your petition you should answer each of the following items:

- 1. Identify the location of both your parents.
2. Describe the last time you had contact with each of your parents - when, where, and the nature of the contact.
3. Explain why you cannot obtain parental information.
4. Provide statements from two responsible adults who are aware of your situation and can corroborate the facts you present. Examples of such persons would include clergy, social workers or other social service personnel, court officials, teachers or high school counselors. At least one statement must be from someone who is not a relative or friend, and the letter should be on company letterhead.

Certify below:

I have attached statements from the following persons (please list their information below):

Table with 2 columns and 5 rows for listing Name, Address, Job Title, and Relationship to you.

A committee will review your request and our office will notify you in writing regarding their decision as soon as practicable.

Appeal decisions are final and not subject to further review. Before submitting, please make sure you have provided complete information.

STOP: Did you fully complete this form, including attachments?

NOTE: If we have reason to believe the information reported is inaccurate, we may require additional documentation.

By signing, I certify that all the information reported is complete and correct. WARNING: if you purposely give false or misleading information you may be fined, be sentenced to jail, or both.

Student Signature

Date