



**2010-11 Request for Consideration for Independent Status**

**\*\*You indicated on your 2010-2011 FAFSA that you have a Special Circumstance\*\***

**Documentation of your special circumstance is required to approve your 2010-2011 FAFSA as an Independent Student**

Note: The Financial Aid Office will review the documentation. If the status is not approved according to Federal Regulations, you will be notified by mail of other documents required.

**NONE of the conditions listed below qualify as a circumstance for independent status:**

- Parents refuse to contribute to the student's education
- Parents are unwilling to provide information on the FAFSA
- Parents do not claim the student as a dependent for income tax purposes
- Student has been "on their own" for several years
- Student does not communicate with parents
- Students was previously considered independent for the purpose of receiving financial aid but does not meet the current definition for 2010-11

<b>PRINT STUDENT FULL LEGAL NAME</b>	<b>STUDENT SSN</b>	<b>STUDENT SIGNATURE</b>	<b>DATE</b>

**Circumstances for Independent Status**

- **Ward of the Court** - At any time, since you turned 13, were your parents deceased, were you in foster care or were you a dependent or ward of the court.  Yes, Attach court documentation  No
- **Emancipated Minor** - Determined by a court in your state of legal residence.  Yes, Attach court documentation  No
- **Legal Guardianship** - Determined by a court in your state of legal residence.  Yes, Attach court documentation  No
- **Unaccompanied Youth who was Homeless** – Meaning 1.)Lacking fixed, regular and adequate housing, which includes living in shelters, motels or cars, or temporarily living with other people because you had nowhere else to go, 2.)You are not living in the physical custody of your parent or guardian, and 3.) You are 21 years of age or younger or you are still enrolled in high school as of the day you completed the FAFSA.

\*At any time on or after July 1, 2009, did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless?  Yes  No

\*At any time on or after July 1, 2009, did the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless?  Yes  No

\*At any time on or after July 1, 2009, did the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?  Yes,  No

*\*If you meet any of these stipulations pertaining to **Unaccompanied Youth who was Homeless**, have the appropriate person or agency verify your living status by completing the information requested.*

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**Printed Name**

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**School or Agency**

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**Phone Number**

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**Address**

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**City, State, Zip**

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**Email**

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**Authorized Signature**

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**Date**