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FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

2011-2012 Request for Independent Status

Student's Name: _____
Print: Last First MI Former

Address: _____
City State Zip Code

Evergreen ID: A _____ **Phone:** _____

If you do not meet the federal definition of being independent as described in the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA, Section II)*, you may request that the Financial Aid Office override your status on the basis of your documented extenuating circumstances. To be considered for independent status, complete this form and attach all applicable documentation.

The decision to override a student's dependency status must be made on a case-by-case basis by the school you are attending, justified by an individual student's unusual circumstances, and must be documented in the student's file. *The parent's unwillingness (vs. inability i.e. incarceration, institutionalization, etc.) to assist the student should not, in and of itself, be grounds for a dependency override.* Evergreen's Financial Aid Office will not automatically accept requests for independent status granted by another institution. Renewal of the dependency override is **NOT** automatic. When a request for independent status is approved, it is granted only for the specified academic year and must be reapplied for each year until the student meets the FAFSA guidelines as independent.

Basic Categories for Request	Required Documentation
Estrangement from parents	At least two letters of support documenting knowledge of the situation.At least one must be from a professional agency.
Parent's inability to provide financial support. An example of inability is incarceration.	*A letter from parent(s) addressing their inability to provide financial support, and/or ...documentation from the supervising agency, and/or ...the judgment of the court. and/or ...other documents as appropriate.
Student is on active military duty	Documentation indicating current military status
Student was previously married	1. A copy of divorce decree, marriage certificate or other documentation of marriage, and 2. A letter from parents stating that they are not providing any financial support.
Student has worked in a profession for at least one year after graduating from a professional, technical, or apprentice program.	1. A letter from employer(s) and a copy of diploma or certificate and 2. A letter from parents stating that they are not providing any financial support.
Other extenuating circumstances not described above	Documentation of situation

This Documentation is Required for ALL Requests

1. Student's 2009 Federal income tax return	3. Letter from student justifying independent status
2. Student's 2010 Federal income tax return	4. Completed 2011-2012 FAFSA or Renewal Application (if not already processed).

Additional Information

	MONTH	YEAR
In what year were you last claimed by your parent(s) as a dependent on a Federal tax return?	XXXXX	
When did you last live with your parent(s)?		
When did you last receive financial support from your parent(s)?		
Are you included as a dependent under your parent(s) medical plan?	YES	NO
Do you own or have the use of an automobile while attending Evergreen?	YES	NO
If you answered "yes," give the name and address of the registered owner: _____		
If you are the registered owner, provide the following information: Monthly Car Payment: \$ _____		
Vehicle Year, Make and Model: _____ Insurance Provider: _____		
Is someone else making your car payments and/or insurance payments?	YES	NO
If you answered "yes," give the name and relationship of this person : _____		

Annual income for tax year **2010** (attach a signed copy of your tax return) Adjusted Gross Income (AGI): \$ _____

Other income not reported on a tax return Amount: \$ _____ Source(s): _____

Annual income for tax year **2009** (attach a signed copy of tax return) Adjusted Gross Income (AGI): \$ _____

Other income not reported on a tax return Amount: \$ _____ Source(s): _____

Where you have been living since January 1, 2009?

- a) Residence Hall b) Off-Campus Apartment c) Self-Owned Home d) Parent/Relative's Home e) Other (explain)

Type of Residence (a –e)	Address of Residence	Period at Residence From: To:	Number in Household	Rent per Month or Room/Board per Term

I hereby certify that all information contained in this request for independent status, including my personal statement and other documentation, is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Note: If the Professional Judgment Committee denies this request for independent status, the decision may be appealed in writing to the Director of Financial Aid. Provide additional information and/or documentation with your appeal.