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OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON

## 2023-2024 Request for Independent Status REQIND

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Evergreen ID: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**None of the conditions listed below, singly or in combination, qualify as unusual circumstances to be deemed independent:**

1. Parents refuse to contribute to the student's education.
2. Parents are unwilling to provide information on the FAFSA or for verification.
3. Parents do not claim the student as a dependent for income tax purposes.
4. Student demonstrates total self-sufficiency.

**Examples of an unusual circumstance:** abandonment by parents, an abusive family environment that threatens the student's health or safety, or the student being unable to locate their parents.

The decision to deem a student independent is made on a case-by-case basis by each school you are attending, justified by an individual student's unusual circumstances, and must be documented in the student's file. Evergreen's Financial Aid Office will not automatically accept requests for independent status granted by another school. Renewal of the approval for independent status is not automatic each year. When independent status is approved, it is for this academic year only. You must write a statement each year stating your situation has not changed until you reach the standard FAFSA guidelines for independent status.

**Required Documentation:**

1. This 2023-2024 Request for Independent Status Form.
2. Letter from student describing the unusual circumstance.
3. Completed 2023-2024 FAFSA.
4. A minimum of two letters of support documenting the unusual circumstance. One of the letters must be from a professional.

**Students without parent support:** Students who have a relationship with their parents, but parents refuse to complete the FAFSA are not typically deemed independent, but they may be able to receive a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan only. For a student in this situation, please contact Evergreen's Financial Aid Office for more information.

**Office of Financial Aid**

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### *Additional Information*

	Month	Year
When did you last live with your parent(s)?		
When were you last claimed as a dependent on your parent(s) on a Federal tax return?		
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 yes, who is the registered owner? Name: _____		
If the car requires car payments, how much per month? \$ _____		
Who makes car payments? Name: _____		

Annual income from 2021? Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Other source of income: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Annual income from 2020? Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Other source of income: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Where have you been living since January 1, 2021?

Type of Residence	Address of Residence	From M/Y	To M/Y	Household size	Rent per Month
<i>Eg. Parent house</i>	<i>Eg. 1121 Sixth Ave, Olympia, WA 98505</i>	<i>06/2002</i>	<i>8/2015</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>\$0</i>

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 Judgement Committee denies this request for independent status, the decision may be appealed in writing to the Director of Financial Aid. Please provide additional information and/or documentation with your appeal.*