



Pine Manor College

Petition to Apply for Financial Aid as an Independent Applicant for 2010-2011

Student Name: _____

Student Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Financial Aid regulations assume that the family has primary responsibility for meeting the educational costs of students. If you are considered a dependent student your aid eligibility is determined by using parental income and asset information in addition to your information.

Dependent students are required by law to provide parental information and signatures to be considered for financial aid.

Occasionally, however, students should be considered independent due to **unusual circumstances** (for example, parent is incarcerated or otherwise unable to communicate due to severe health reasons, etc.)

The U.S. government has identified five conditions that, individually or in combination with one another, do NOT qualify as "unusual circumstances" for a dependency override. Those circumstances that are **not** considered a basis for an appeal are:

- Parent(s) unwilling to provide information on the FAFSA or for verification
- Parent(s) not claiming student as a dependent on their tax return
- Student is not being supported by parents and is completely self-supporting.
- Parent(s) refuse to contribute to the student's education
- Parent(s) live in a foreign country

If you can document why you should be considered independent for some other unusual reason, complete ALL questions of this appeal (number 1 through 8) and attach supporting documentation, as indicated. **Please follow these directions completely. An incomplete Dependency Override appeal will be promptly returned.**

1. Identify the location of both your parents:

Mother/stepmother: _____

Father/stepfather: _____

2. Describe the last time you had contact with each of your parents. When, where and the nature of the contact (attach an extra page, if necessary):

Mother/stepmother: _____

Father/stepfather: _____

3. Explain the unusual circumstances that make you independent (attach an extra page, if necessary):

4. Attach statements from **two responsible adults who are aware of your situation**. One statement can be from a relative, friend or acquaintance (such as a guidance counselor or teacher.) The other must be someone other than a relative or friend. Such a person could be a member of the clergy, social worker or court officer (copies of appropriate court documents are recommended to support application).

5. Please complete the following documentation for self-support (show amounts per month):

Monthly Expenses:		Monthly Income:	
Rent/Mortgage	\$ _____	Employment	\$ _____
Telephone	\$ _____	Unemployment Comp.	\$ _____
Electric	\$ _____	SSI/Disability	\$ _____
Cable TV	\$ _____	Workers Compensation	\$ _____
Heat	\$ _____	AFDC/TNAF	\$ _____
Groceries	\$ _____	Friend/Relative support	\$ _____
Transportation	\$ _____	Inheritance/Trust Fund	\$ _____
Misc./Personal	\$ _____		
Monthly Total	\$ _____	Monthly Total	\$ _____

6. Attach copies of the last two years' tax returns (2008 & 2009) or documentation of other income and benefits.

7. Provide the date you became self-supporting: _____

8. I certify the information provided on this application is true and correct:

_____ Student's Signature _____ Date

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Director's recommendation:

_____ Director's Signature _____ Date