

BG-Dependency Status Appeal
PERIOD: 2009-2010

Student Name: _____ WSU ID#: _____

Financial aid regulations require that the family has primary responsibility for meeting the educational costs of students. If you are considered a dependent student based on criteria defined by the federal government on the FAFSA, your financial aid eligibility is determined by using both your and your parent(s') financial information. Dependent students are required by law to provide parental information and signature(s) to be considered for federal financial aid.

Occasionally, due to extraordinary circumstances, students cannot obtain parental information. If you cannot provide parental information due to some unusual reason, you may appeal to waive the federal regulations requiring parental information. Please return this cover form with your name and WSU ID, along with a letter addressing each of the following items and the information requested, to our office.

1. Identify the location of each of your parents.
2. Describe the last time you had contact with each parent - when, where, and the nature of the contact.
3. Explain why you cannot obtain parental information.
4. Describe how you have been self-supporting:
 - a. When did you start meeting your expenses without parental support?
 - b. How have you provided for yourself?
5. Provide statements from three adults familiar with your situation who can corroborate the facts you present. Examples of such persons would include clergy, social workers or other social services personnel, court officials (or copies of court documents), teachers, high school counselors, or police officers. **At least one statement should be from someone who is not a relative or friend.**

If you have questions, please contact your financial aid representative at your local campus.

Return signed completed forms or other documents to your nearest local campus or:
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