

IVY TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Request for Dependency Status Review
2010-2011 Award Year

Please note that this type of appeal must be completed on an annual basis.

Student's Name: _____

Student ID: C _____

Street Address: _____

Date: _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Contact Phone: _____

► Dependency Status

The underlying principle of need analysis for federal financial aid is that parents have an obligation to finance the education of their child(ren) to the extent they are able. The analysis measures ability to pay, not willingness. If there are extenuating circumstances that have caused a break in the normal parent/child relationship, you may appeal to the Director of Financial Aid to have your status changed to independent so that your parent(s) will be relieved of the responsibility of paying any part of your educational expenses. The unwillingness of your parent(s) to provide parental data on your financial aid application or to financially support your education, or your unwillingness to seek financial assistance from your parent(s) is NOT an acceptable reason to appeal your dependency status. Having sufficient resources to pay your own expenses is also not considered an extenuating circumstance for determining dependency status.

► Requests for Review

It is important to understand that a student who is declared independent as a direct outcome of this form would be considered independent by *professional judgment* at this college only. Requests will be reviewed by the Director of Financial Aid or other designated party as referenced above. The student will be notified of the decision. The decision is final and cannot be appealed.

For your petition to be considered, you must not have been claimed as a tax exemption by any parent or stepparent in 2009. Your parent(s) or stepparent(s) may not have used you as the basis to file income taxes as "head of household," and you may not have lived with your parent(s) or stepparent(s) during 2009 or 2010.

If one of the following circumstances applies to your situation, please check the category and provide the required documentation. In addition, provide a signed copy of your 2009 Federal Income Tax return. **INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.**

My custodial parent has died and the other natural parent is still living. I have neither had contact with nor received any financial support from the living parent for a significant length of time (minimum of 2 years).

Required Documentation:

1. A copy of the death certificate of the deceased custodial parent,
2. Documentation of the custodial relationship (for example, a court document, a copy of the divorce decree, or other evidence the deceased was the custodial parent), and
3. A letter from an objective third party (i.e. minister, social worker, counselor, teacher, doctor, or other professional) on letterhead paper that supports your claim that you neither lived with nor received financial support from the non-custodial parent for a significant length of time of not less than 2 years.

I am currently living with adults who are neither a parent nor a sibling, and I have lived with these adults for two or more years.

Required Documentation:

1. A letter from you explaining the situation in detail,
2. A letter/statement from the adults regarding your living/support arrangements and circumstances requiring this arrangement, and
3. A letter from an objective third party (i.e. minister, social worker, counselor, teacher, doctor, or other professional) on letterhead paper that supports your claim that you neither lived with nor received financial support from the non-custodial parent for a significant length of time of not less than 2 years.

I have been separated from my parents due to an unsafe home environment. (Note: The separation may be the result of physical abuse, emotional abuse, or drug and/or alcohol abuse.)

Required Documentation:

1. A letter from you explaining the situation in detail, and
2. A letter from an objective third party (i.e. minister, social worker, counselor, teacher, doctor, or other professional) on letterhead paper explaining the situation in detail, or
3. One or more of the following:
 - a. Letter from an adult who is an *independent* third party (non-relative or non-friend) and who knows about the situation and can support your statement; i.e., parents of a friend, neighbor, or employer. The letter must include an introduction of the individual writing the letter and explain how he/she knows and can attest to the facts of the unsafe environment.
 - b. Copies of police reports
 - c. Copies of court reports
 - d. Documentation from a social service agency

Other Unusual Circumstances

Required Documentation:

1. A detailed, written explanation and supporting/corroborating documentation of your situation.

► Financial Information

INCOME (If any amounts are zero, please explain on a separate sheet)	Actual <u>2009</u>	Estimated <u>2010</u>
Earned income (e.g., wages, salaries, tips, work-study earnings)	_____	_____
Financial support received from parents	_____	_____
Monetary value of other support received from parents (e.g., health insurance, room & board)	_____	_____
Monetary value of other support (e.g., room & board) from persons other than parents (identify source) _____	_____	_____
Amount of other annual income (indicate source) _____	_____	_____
TOTAL	_____	_____

EXPENSES (If any amounts are zero, please explain on a separate sheet)	Actual <u>2009</u>	Estimated <u>2010</u>
Housing	_____	_____
Food	_____	_____
Transportation (e.g., car payments, insurance, gas, maintenance)	_____	_____
Utilities	_____	_____
Child and/or dependent care	_____	_____
Personal (e.g., clothing, entertainment)	_____	_____
Other (indicate type) _____	_____	_____
TOTAL	_____	_____

My parent(s) or stepparent(s) own the property on which I reside. Yes No

I hereby certify that the information provided on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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APPROVED _____	DENIED _____	FAO INITIALS _____	DATE _____