

2012-2013 INDEPENDENT STUDENT REQUEST

The Higher Education Act allows an aid administrator to make dependency overrides on a case by case basis for students with unusual circumstances. However, none of the conditions listed below qualify as unusual circumstances or merit a dependency override based on government guidelines.

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

Unusual circumstances DO include an abusive family environment or abandonment by parents. This must be documented by a counselor, case worker, or clergy. Completion of this form does not guarantee approval of being considered independent. Each case will be reviewed on an individual basis.

****BEING MADE INDEPENDENT DOES NOT GUARANTEE GRANT ELIGIBILITY****

YOU MUST PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:

- A photocopy of a document with your current address (driver's license, utility bill, etc.).
- A photocopy of your current medical insurance card.
- A photocopy of your 2011 Federal tax returns. **Include ALL schedules and W-2s. Unsigned federal 1040s will be returned.**
- A photocopy of your latest pay stub for all jobs worked in 2011 with year-to-date earnings.
- Institutional Verification form.
- Detailed explanation of what makes you financially independent from your parent (s).
- Third party documentation proving reason for separation (e.g. police records, emergency room records, social services statement).

A REQUEST WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED UNTIL ALL CONDITIONS ARE MET.

Send this form and documentation to:
Office of Financial Aid
University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg
150 Finoli Drive
Greensburg, PA 15601

Instructions: You must answer ALL questions. If an answer is zero, indicate "0"; if a question does not apply to you, indicate "N/A". Incomplete forms will not be processed. **Warning:** If you purposely give false or misleading information on this worksheet, you may be fined, sentenced to probation, or both.

Name: _____ Pitt I.D. Number: _____

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

How long have you lived at this residence? _____

Previous Address: _____

How long did you live there? _____

Mother's Name and Address: _____

Father's Name and Address: _____

Last Contact with Mother: _____ Last Contact with Father: _____

Are you employed? Yes No Employer: _____

Weekly Wage: _____ Date Employment Began: ____ / ____ / ____

If you are not currently employed, what date did you become unemployed? ____ / ____ / ____

Are you collecting unemployment? Yes No

Weekly Amount of Unemployment: \$ _____

Do you share expenses with anyone? Yes No Who? _____

Do you own a vehicle? Yes No If No, Form of Transportation Used: _____

Do you live with parent (s)? Yes No

Did your parent (s) claim you as a dependent on their 2011 taxes? Yes No

Do your parent (s) provide any financial support to you? Yes No

If Yes, Explain: _____

Attach a separate sheet if necessary for an explanation.

ESTIMATED MONTHLY EXPENSES

Rent/Mortgage (can't be 0): \$ _____

Food: \$ _____

Utilities: \$ _____

Car Payment: \$ _____

Other: \$ _____

TOTAL (cannot be 0): \$ _____

MONTHLY INCOME

Income from Work: \$ _____

Unemployment Compensation: \$ _____

Worker's Compensation: \$ _____

Welfare Benefits: \$ _____

Social Security: \$ _____

Other: \$ _____

TOTAL (cannot be 0): \$ _____

I certify the income information listed on this form to be true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, and I understand that purposely giving false or misleading information on this worksheet may be cause for being fined, imprisoned, or both. I understand that if approved, electronic corrections will be made to my application for financial aid.

Student Signature _____

Date _____