



ANNA MARIA COLLEGE

# FINANCIAL AID INDEPENDENCY PETITION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Soc. Sec. # \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Award Year \_\_\_\_\_

Financial aid regulations assume that the family has primary responsibility for meeting the educational costs of students. If you are considered a dependent student according to the financial aid definition or you claim you are an independent student but do not meet all of the criteria, your aid eligibility is determined by using parent 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, due to unusual circumstances, students should not be considered as dependent. If you can document why you should be considered independent for some unusual reason, you may petition for a waiver of federal regulations requiring parental information. In your petition you must answer each of the following items:

1. Verify the address of both your parents.
2. Describe the last time you had contact with each of your parents-when, where and the nature of the contact.
3. Explain what unusual circumstances should make you an independent student.(simply having a child does not make you independent)
4. Describe how you have been financially self-supporting. When did you start meeting your expenses without parental support? NOTE: Self-support is not, by itself, sufficient to have you declared independent but you must pay 50% of your and your child's living expenses determined by the IRS poverty guidelines).
5. If you are not self-supporting, who is supporting you and how much (approximately) do they put toward your support?
6. Please provide your latest federal tax return transcript and W-2's. If you did not file taxes, provide verification of any income you do receive.
7. Provide statements from two responsible adults who are aware of your situation. At least one statement must be from someone who is not a relative or friend. The statements must discuss your living situation. Copies of appropriate court documents are acceptable to support your petition.
8. Certify below: I have attached statements from the following persons (give name, address, job title, and relationship to you):

A) \_\_\_\_\_

B) \_\_\_\_\_

I have submitted all above documentation and I certify that the information provided in this petition is true and correct:

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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___ accepted per professional judgment based on unusual circumstances	
___ denied	Initials _____ Date _____