

# Indiana University East

Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships

## Dependency Appeal 2011-2012

**Who should use this form?** Dependent students seeking Independent status as a result of an irretrievable breakdown or other extenuating circumstances in their relationship with their parents. Read through the entire list of requirements below before starting the appeal. **Note:** If you want Independent status because your parents cannot afford to help pay your costs due to loss of income or unusual expense, consider submitting a Special Circumstance Form instead. Appeals must be submitted **no later than 30 days prior to the end of the enrollment period** for which you are seeking financial aid. Incomplete or late submission of this appeal may jeopardize your financial aid.

Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ University ID \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Student IU East E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission to the Office of Financial Aid to verify any information I provide on this form. I certify that all of the information provided on this form is correct to the best of my knowledge.

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

### What documentation must I provide?

All documentation we receive will be kept confidential and will not be returned or made available to you in the future.

#### A letter from you that includes:

- Your request to be considered independent; An explanation of why you want to be considered independent (including dates and descriptions of specific incidents that led you to consider yourself independent); and A statement of the amount of support you have received from your parents this year and the previous two years.

#### A letter/letters from a professional or third party (such as a high school counselor, therapist, minister, rabbi, social worker, or other professional) that includes:

- Confirmation of the breakdown or extenuating circumstances in your family; An explanation of their relationship to you and your parents; Their understanding of your family circumstances; and Their opinion of your independence.

#### A letter/letters from a close relative (such as a grandparent, aunt, uncle, or sibling) that includes:

- An explanation of why they believe you should be considered independent (including dates and descriptions of specific incidents); and
- A statement regarding the amount of support your parents have given you this year and the previous two years.

#### Any other supporting documents, such as police reports or court orders

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