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/Sate/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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