

2009-2010 Petition for Dependency Status Review

Student's Name: _____
Last First MI

Student's ID Number: _____

Please check one:

_____ I am applying for an initial dependency status review.

_____ I am applying for a renewal of a previous dependency status review that was granted at McMurry University.

Parents have the primary responsibility to pay for their son's or daughter's educational purposes. 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. You must still provide parental data on your financial aid application. **NOTE: Providing self-support and living on the student's own is not an acceptable reason to appeal your dependency status.** To consider this appeal, the Financial Aid office will need a detailed, written explanation and supporting documentation.

[NOTE: An appeal must be done on an annual basis.]

Check the reason that best describes your situation:

_____ I have been separated from my parents due to an unsafe home environment. (**Attach third party documentation on official letterhead from a court, social service agency, or other similar source.**)

_____ I have been separated from my parents due to unusual circumstances and I live with a relative or friend who is providing support. (**Attach third party documentation on official letterhead from a social service agency or respected member of the community.**)

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Attach a separate sheet explaining in detail the answers to these questions:

1. Identify the location 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.
4. Describe how you have been self-supporting: a) when you started meeting your expenses without parental support; and b) how you have provided for yourself. **(Please include a copy of your 2008 tax return, if filed, and a copy of all W2 income statements for the 2008 calendar year.)**

Be sure your name and student ID number are on all forms, letters, or documentation that is submitted to our office.

This documentation is important in order to verify your independence. We cannot review any appeal until this entire form has been completed and the third party documentation has been provided.

The McMurry University Financial Aid Office will notify you in writing with their decision.

STUDENT CERTIFICATION: My signature below attests that this information is true, accurate, and complete. I agree to provide any additional documentation verifying these circumstances if requested by the McMurry University Financial Aid Office.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

UPON COMPLETION SUBMIT TO:

**McMurry University
Office of Financial Aid
Box 908 McMurry Station
Abilene, TX 79697**

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____ Approved ____ Denied

Comments: _____

Date: _____

FAO signature _____