Fresno City College
Financial Aid Office
1101 E University Ave
Fresno, CA 93741
Phone: (559) 442-8245
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2013 - 2014

APPEAL FOR INDEPENDENT STATUS #21

Please read the following information before submitting an Appeal for Independent Status. Federal regulations state that a student is considered independent for financial aid if he or she can answer yes to any one of the following questions:

- Were you born before January 1, 1990?
- As of today, are you married? (Answer "Yes" if you are separated but not divorced.)
- At the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year, will you be working on a master's or doctorate program (such as an MA, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, EdD, or graduate certificate, etc.)?
- Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training?
- Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces?
- Do you have children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2013, and June 30, 2014?
- Do you have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2014?
- When you were age 13 or older, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care or were you a dependent/ward of the court?
- As of today, are you an emancipated minor as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?
- As of today, are you in legal guardianship as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?
- At any time on or after July 1, 2012, did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless?
- At any time on or after July 1, 2012, did the director of an emergency shelter program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless?
- At any time on or after July 1, 2012, did the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?

If you do not meet any of the criteria listed above and feel your circumstances warrant review for independent status, please complete the form, type your statements, and obtain all the documentation that is required.

Decisions made will be valid for the current school year. Note: A student is ***not*** *considered independent* solely on:

- self-sufficiency
- a parent's unwillingness to provide information
- a parent's unwillingness to assist with educational expenses
- a parent not claiming the student as a dependent for income tax purposes

After you have completed the form entirely, typed your statement(s) and obtained your third party documentation, call the Financial Aid Office at (559) 442-8245 to make an "APPEAL FOR INDEPENDENT STATUS" appointment to have your request reviewed.

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Student's ID Number | Student's Last Name | Student's First Name

1. Are your parents living? ○ Yes ○ No
   - If "No" skip question 2 and 3, and go to question 4
2. Are you currently in contact with your parents? ○ Yes ○ No
   - If "Yes", is your contact: ○ by phone? ○ by e-mail? ○ in person?
   - If "No", when was your last contact? _____ month / year
3. Is parental information for the FAFSA available? ○ Yes ○ No
4. When did your parents last provide any form of support? Mother: _____ month / year Father: _____ month / year
5. Have you received any form of support from any other person (with whom you may have lived)? ○ Yes ○ No
   - If "Yes", what is his/her name: _____ and relationship to you: _____.

INSTRUCTIONS: Attach documents listed below.

If you answered "No" to Question #1, attach Death Certificates or Notices.

If you answered "No" to Question #2, attach a detailed, written statement explaining the reason you are not in contact with your parents.

If you answered "No" to Question #3, attach a detailed, written statement explaining the reason parental information is not available.

Attach a detailed written statement explaining how you have supported yourself since you last had contact with your parents.

If you answered "Yes" to Question #5, attach a detailed, written statement explaining the type of support you received, and when.

Attach one (1) Letter of Support from a third-party professional, such as a teacher, social worker, counselor, doctor, law enforcement official or clergy. A letter of support must be on letterhead, signed and dated; and include the name, title, address, and telephone number of the person providing the statement; their relationship to you; and how long the agency or person has been aware of your situation.

STUDENT CERTIFICATION:
I certify that the information provided is true and correct. I understand that any false statements or misrepresentations will be cause for denial, reduction, cancellation, or repayment of financial aid.

Student Signature:_____ Date:_____

F O R O F F I C E U S E O N L Y

___ Using PJ, this student is independent

___ Denied

___ Postponed/Date

Decision based on the following unusual circumstances: _____

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FAO: _____ Date: _____