

**Petition For Consideration
Of Independent Status
2020-2021**



Name _____ Student ID _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

This petition is used for consideration of changing your dependency status to independent. You must attach a signed, detailed letter explaining your situation with information on how you support yourself. You must also attach a statement from a school official or a responsible individual from the community (i.e., minister, social worker, counselor, etc.) that provides the specifics of your case.

During the preceding 12 months, the following conditions existed (check the appropriate box(es) and provide dates):

I have been a part of extremely adverse home situation that has led to an estrangement from my parents.
My last communication with my father was (date) _____;
My last communication with my mother was (date) _____.

I do not know the whereabouts of my parents.
My last contact with my father was (date) _____;
My last contact with my mother was (date) _____.

My parents do not reside in the United States. They live in _____.
My last contact with my father was (date) _____;
My last contact with my mother was (date) _____.

Please answer all of the questions below:

1. I have not resided with my father since _____;
I have not resided with my mother since _____.
2. I have not received any financial support or money paid on my behalf* from my father since _____;
I have not received any financial support or money paid on my behalf* from my mother since _____.

* **Note:** this includes items such as health or auto insurance coverage, payments toward housing or rent, auto payments, etc.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

RETURN THIS COMPLETED AND SIGNED FORM TO:
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