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**Student Name:**

**Tech ID:**

You have indicated that the FAFSA’s determination of your status as a dependent student may not be accurate. To request your status be changed to independent for this FAFSA year please complete and submit this form with the required documents to Student Services T2100.

**Important:**

- Items 1 and 2 must be included with this form. Item 3 is optional.
- Incomplete requests will not be considered.
- All Requests for Independent Status are reviewed by committee and you will receive feedback regarding the status of your request within three weeks of submission.
- Please make sure that each item you are submitting is signed and includes your name and Minneapolis College Tech ID.

**1. Please provide a typed, signed personal statement that includes the following:**

- Explain in **detail** your relationship to **each** biological/adoptive parent, and why parental information cannot be provided on your FAFSA.
- Do you maintain regular contact with your parent(s) and when was the last time you spoke?
- If not with your parent(s) please explain your current living arrangements.
- Explain how you are supported financially.

**2. Please provide a typed, signed statement on letterhead from a third party professional with personal knowledge of your situation that includes the following:**

- Details regarding how this individual knows you, for how long and how they have been involved and/or have first-hand knowledge of your situation with each parent.
- The individual’s name, title and signature.
- Third party professionals may include a counselor, teacher, physician, lawyer, social worker, religious or spiritual leader, etc. If you are unable to obtain a statement from a third party professional, you may include **two** statements from other third parties (for example; relative, family friend, etc.) that explain each detail above.

**3. Optional:**

Include any documentation you feel comfortable providing that may help certify your status as independent from your parent(s). For example: court/legal documentation, educational records, immigration documentation, etc. Please note that we may request additional documentation from you after review of this request.

**By signing, I attest that all information provided is complete and accurate. I acknowledge that knowingly submitting false or misleading information or documentation could result in a fine, imprisonment or both.**

**Student Signature**

**Date**

**For Financial Aid Office Use Only**

**Date of Determination:**

**Appeal is:**

Approved

Denied

Pending

**Determination Criteria:**