

ROCHESTER COMMUNITY and TECHNICAL COLLEGE

2008-2009 INDEPENDENT STATUS APPEAL

NAME: _____

SOCIAL SECURITY #: _____

I am petitioning the Financial Aid Office for consideration of:

Change of Status from Dependent to Independent and Waiver of Parent Information

Federal law says that a student who does not meet federal standards to be considered independent for financial aid purposes may be considered independent if the institution's financial aid office determines and documents that the student has unusual circumstances. A parent's unwillingness to complete the form or assist in financing your education is not considered an unusual circumstance. The choice of a student to no longer live with a parent is not considered an unusual circumstance.

In order for this petition to be considered, you MUST complete this form and provide the following documentation:
(Petitions submitted without proper documentation will be denied)

- a. You must provide a DETAILED written statement explaining why you are **unable** to provide parental information, when the last time you lived and had contact with your parents was, and how you have lived and supported yourself since then. You are required to include the following information in your letter:
 - Why you are **not able** to provide parental information on the 2008-09 FAFSA. Describe in detail when and why the permanent separation from your parents occurred.
 - The whereabouts of your biological father and his current living arrangements. Include the date and nature of the last contact you had with your biological father and the frequency of contact with him over the past two years.
 - The whereabouts of your biological mother and her current living arrangements. Include the date and nature of the last contact you had with your biological mother and the frequency of contact with her over the past two years.
 - Your living arrangements over the past two years. Include the names with whom you resided, addresses, and dates.
 - How you have lived and supported yourself over the past three years.
- b. You must provide copies of your 2006 and 2007 Federal 1040 Tax Return or other income documentation for both years. *** see required documentation on reverse side.*
- c. You must provide a statement from a school official or responsible individual from the community (i.e. minister, social worker, counselor, etc.). This written statement must address why you are **unable** to provide parental information. They are required to provide the following information in their letter:
 - Why you are **unable** to provide parental information, outline clearly their knowledge of you, your parental relationship and your self-supporting status.
 - The individual's name, title or position, address, phone number, the date, and their signature on respective office letterhead.
 - Submit supporting documentation of legal separation (i.e. police arrest records, court ordered separation etc.)
- d. Attach your completed 2008-2009 FAFSA.

REVERSE SIDE MUST BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED

How were you able to support yourself without the aid of your parents?

	2006	2007
Income Earned from work including wages, salaries and tips: (attach taxes and W-2's from 2006 and 2007 year)	\$	\$
Other income and/or benefits received: (i.e. unemployment)	\$	\$
Social Security Benefits: (attach verification from Social Security)	\$	\$
Alimony: (attach copy of divorce decree)	\$	\$
Child Support: (attach verification from Child Support and Recovery)	\$	\$
TANF/MFIP/Welfare Benefits: (attach verification from the county where benefits were paid)	\$	\$
Unemployment Compensation: (attach verification from Unemployment Office)	\$	\$
Disability Benefits: (attach verification from Veterans or Social Security)	\$	\$
Cash support or money paid on your behalf from anyone.	\$	\$
Workman's Compensation: (attach verification)	\$	\$
Other (explain and attach verification)	\$	\$
TOTAL	\$	\$

MONTHLY LIVING EXPENSES:

If you share expenses with a roommate(s), list name(s) _____,

List their contribution to the monthly expenses \$_____.

- Mortgage/Rent (Attach copy of lease) _____
- Utilities (heating, water, electricity, garbage, phone, etc) _____
- Food _____
- Insurance (Car, home, health - attach copy of policies) _____
- Car Payments (attach copy of payment coupon) _____
- Total Monthly Expenses (Sum of above) _____

**** I certify that all of the information stated in the letters attached concerning my request for a status change from dependent to independent is true and complete.**

WARNING: If you purposely give false or misleading information on this form, you may be fined, sentenced to jail, or both.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

_____ This petition has been approved.

_____ This petition has been denied for the following reason: