



Office of Financial Aid  
5901 College Road  
Key West, Florida 33040

## Appeal for Independent Student Status for 2011-2012

Name \_\_\_\_\_ FKCC-ID \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip code

The federal methodology assumes that the primary responsibility for paying for college cost rests with the family. Federal regulations permit the college to exercise professional judgment in determining if unusual circumstances exist and can be documented to make the student independent for federal financial aid purposes. This determination is made on a case by case basis.

### WHAT DOES NOT CONSTITUTE EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES:

- A STUDENT WHO DOES NOT WANT TO ASK PARENTS FOR INFORMATION
- A STUDENT WHO IS AND HAS BEEN ON "THEIR OWN" FOR SEVERAL YEARS
- A PARENT REFUSING TO PROVIDE DATA
- STUDENT WHO DOES NOT COMMUNICATE WITH PARENTS
- A STUDENT WHO HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED INDEPENDENT BUT DOES NOT MEET THE CURRENT DEFINITION FOR 2011-2012
- A STUDENT WHO IS DIVORCED AT THE TIME OF FILING THE FAFSA AND DOES NOT MEET ONE OF THE CURRENT DEFINITIONS FOR 2011-2012

### Instructions:

- Attach documentation of 2010 income (copy of your **SIGNED** 2010 1040 & W2s, copy of most recent paycheck stub from employment in 2011)
- Written petition addressing why you should be independent
- **Three** letters detailing the history of the student /parent relationship from persons, agencies, organizations that are aware of this relationship on official letterhead.
- Other documentation may be requested if selected for Federal verification.

The Office of Financial Aid will review your petition to determine if unusual circumstances exist and if adequate documentation has been provided. Written notification of the committee's decision will be emailed to the student's FKCC email address within ten (10) business days.



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**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **FKCC-ID** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**A. Explain the unusual/extenuating family circumstances and why you should be independent. Please attach documents to support your petition.**

**B. Explain how you are meeting your educational and living expenses without parental assistance.**

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**Student Signature**

**Date**

**Please return form to Office of Financial Aid on the campus you attend.**

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