



SELF-SUPPORT APPEAL FORM
2011-2012

Student Information

Lakeland ID Number

Grid for Lakeland ID Number

Last Name

First Name

Address

Phone Number

City

State

Zip

Date of Birth

The U.S. Department of Education identifies a student as independent for financial aid purposes, if the student meets one or more of the following criteria:

- 1. Were you born before January 1, 1988?
2. As of today, are you married?
3. At the beginning of the school year 2011-12, will you be working on a master's or doctorate program?
4. Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training?
5. Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces?
6. Do you have children who receive more than half of their support from you?
7. Do you have dependents (other than children or spouse) who live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2012?
8. At any time since you turned age 13, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care or were you a dependent or ward of the court?
9. As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you emancipated minor?
10. As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you in legal guardianship?
11. At any time on or after July 1, 2010, did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless?
12. At any time on or after July 1, 2010, did the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless?
13. At any time on or after July 1, 2010, 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 cannot answer yes to any of these questions, you are considered a dependent student. If you are dependent by the definition above but have a unique situation (example: abuse, abandonment, and neglect) and would like to request that you be considered an independent student, please complete the rest of this form attaching the following :

- 1. Appropriate documentation to support your request. Appeals will be denied unless supporting documentation is attached. Examples of appropriate documentation may include: Court documents, police reports, reports from social service agencies. All documents must be official and from third party professionals (not originating from the student, family or friends). Examples of third party professionals include judges, government officials, clergy and high school counselors. Letters of documentation need to be on agency letterhead and/or notarized.
2. Signed copy of your 2010 Federal Tax Return
Copies of all 2010 W-2's
If you did not file and were not required to file a 2010 Federal Tax Return , please check here: []
3. 2011-2012 completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

If your appeal is approved you will be notified and the Financial Aid Office will file your 2011-12 FAFSA electronically as an independent student. If your request is denied, the FAFSA will be returned to you. If you still wish to apply for financial aid, you must file the FAFSA yourself using parental information.

By signing this form, I certify that all the information reported to qualify for federal student aid is complete and correct.

STUDENT SIGNATURE: DATE:

COMPLETE THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS FORM

Please summarize your situation explaining why you feel you should be considered an independent student (attach extra sheets if necessary).

Please list total amounts of all untaxed income you received in 2010 (indicate "0" if not received):

Untaxed social security benefits	
Welfare benefits (TANF)	
Payments to tax-deferred pension and savings plans including but not limited to amounts reported in box 12a-d of W-2's	
Worker's compensation	
Housing, food and other living expenses paid to members of the military, clergy and others	
Veteran's non-education benefits	
Money paid on your behalf (bills, etc.) not reported elsewhere on this form	
Any other untaxed income	

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Approved Comments: _____

Denied _____

_____ Int/Date