2009-2010

APPEAL TO BE CONSIDERED A SELF-SUPPORTING STUDENT

PLEASE SUBMIT TO THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE:

- A signed, detailed statement outlining why you feel you should be considered an independent student. (The more detailed the statement, the better able this office is to evaluate the situation.)
- Two detailed letters from two separate third-party professionals (teacher, counselor, clergyperson, social worker, etc…) verifying the information in your statement.
- Proof of self-sufficiency, (i.e., lease, rent receipts, utility bills, medical insurance, medical payments, etc…)
- Other (please respond if marked)

PLEASE ANSWER ALL OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1) What is the amount and source of income or financial support you received/will receive from your parents? (This includes all personal expenses that are being covered by your parents on your behalf.)
   - In 2007: 
   - In 2008: 

2) Do you live with your parents?

3) Did your parents claim you as a tax exemption in 2007? In 2008?

4) What is the amount and source of income or financial support you received/will receive from persons other than your parents? (This includes all personal expenses that are being covered by others on your behalf.)
   - In 2007: 
   - In 2008: 

5) Please itemize your annual expenses for 2008:
   - Housing
   - Food
   - Transportation
   - Utilities
   - Clothing
   - Entertainment/Other
   - Dependent Care
   - Total

CERTIFICATION: I CERTIFY THAT ALL OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE. I AGREE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IF REQUIRED.

STUDENT’S SIGNATURE: ________________________________ DATE: ______________

OVER PLEASE
A FEW THINGS YOU MAY WANT TO CONSIDER BEFORE APPEALING FOR INDEPENDENT STATUS:

- THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FEELS THAT IT IS THE PARENT'S PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY TO FUND THEIR CHILD'S EDUCATION TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY ARE ABLE. AS A RESULT, STUDENT FINANCIAL AID IS AVAILABLE TO "FILL IN THE GAPS" OF WHAT THE PARENTS CANNOT PAY. BASED ON THIS PREMISE, THE WILLINGNESS OF THE PARENTS TO PAY FOR THEIR CHILD'S EDUCATION IS NOT TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION.

- THE MAJORITY OF COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE CONSIDERED DEPENDENT STUDENTS FOR FINANCIAL AID PURPOSES.

- IF YOU ARE APPEALING BECAUSE YOUR PARENTS HAVE LITTLE OR NO INCOME, IT MAY ALREADY BE DETERMINED THAT YOUR PARENTS ARE EXPECTED TO CONTRIBUTE NOTHING TOWARD YOUR EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES. IN FACT, IN SOME CIRCUMSTANCES, IF THEIR INCOME IS LOW ENOUGH, A CONTRIBUTION MAY NOT BE EXPECTED FROM EITHER OF YOU.

- THE FACT THAT WE ARE NOT CONSIDERING PARENTAL INFORMATION IN OUR CALCULATIONS DOES NOT GUARANTEE THAT YOU WILL INCREASE YOUR FINANCIAL AID ELIGIBILITY.

- THE OHIO BOARD OF REGENTS CONSIDERS 100% OF AN INDEPENDENT STUDENT'S WAGES WHEN CALCULATING ELIGIBILITY FOR AN OHIO INSTRUCTIONAL GRANT. THEY USUALLY CONSIDER 0% OF A DEPENDENT STUDENT'S WAGES. AS A RESULT, THERE ARE SOME CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE IT IS MORE ADVANTAGEOUS TO BE CONSIDERED A DEPENDENT STUDENT.

- PELL GRANT CALCULATIONS DO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION LOW PARENTAL INCOME.

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Appeal Approved _________________________ Appeal Denied _________________________

Comments: ________________________________________________________________

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