

**2009-2010  
PETITION FOR INDEPENDENCE**

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Student ID (SID):** S \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CCD EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_ **@student.ccs.edu**

**Note: All requests and information –including information about financial aid awards will be emailed to your CCD Email. For instructions on activating your account, please visit [www.ccd.edu/finaid](http://www.ccd.edu/finaid) or contact our office at 303-556-5503.**

In order for the Office of Financial Aid to consider your appeal, you must document an extreme, unique, and/or unusual family circumstance that prevents you from obtaining parental information. Examples include family abuse or neglect, parental desertion and other situations where contact between you and your parent(s) is strained or nonexistent. Submission of this appeal and documentation does not imply the appeal will be approved.

We must also have a current 2009-2010 FAFSA on file. Fill out the student section and sign your FAFSA application using your PIN number. Your financial aid application will be rejected because it is missing your parent's information. If your petition is approved, the Financial Aid Office will fix the reject. If your petition is denied, you will need to add your parent's information to the FAFSA.

**THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED IN BLACK OR BLUE PEN.**

**COMPLETE ALL THE QUESTIONS:**

1. Where are your parents living now?

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2. When did you last live with your parents?

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3. When did you last have contact (in person, telephone, etc.) with your parents?

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4. When did your parents last provide financial support for you? Examples include: medical insurance, car insurance, housing, etc)

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5. How have you supported yourself?

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6. If you have not supported yourself, who has supported you?

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**COMPLETE AND ATTACH ALL OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:**

1. A written statement providing information about why you are independent of your parents. Please be as detailed as thorough as possible. Fully understanding your situation will help our office determine your dependency status.
2. A written statement from a third party supporting your appeal and the reasons you are unable to obtain your parent(s) information. Examples include: case manager, social worker, police report, court documentation or another source that is aware of your situation. Documentation on letterhead with contact information from third party is required.
3. A signed copy of your 2008 Federal income tax return, if you filed; or copies of your 2008 W2's, if you were employed but did not file. If you were not employed, provide a statement explaining how much you earned in 2008 and how you were able to cover your living expenses.
4. A Dependent Student Verification Worksheet available at [www.ccd.edu/finaid](http://www.ccd.edu/finaid) or at the Financial Aid Office. Leave the parent information section blank at this time. If your Petition is denied, we will return this form to you with a request to add your parent's information.

**WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?**

Each request will be reviewed on a case by case basis. Approval or denial of the appeal will be determined by a Financial Aid Advisor and is final. Approval of this application does not guarantee that you will receive any additional financial aid funds. You will be notified in writing when a decision is made.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**WARNING:** if you purposefully enter false or misleading information on this worksheet, you may be fined, be sentenced to jail, or both.

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**PROFESSIONAL JUDGEMENT STATEMENT OF ACTION**

Approved     Denied

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Financial Aid Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_