



2020-2021 PETITION FOR INDEPENDENCE

Student Name (print): _____

S#: _____ Phone: _____

Student E-mail: _____

Note: Your official CCD email account is the only email CCD will accept for correspondence.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

In order for the Financial Aid Office to consider this Petition for Independence, you must document an extreme, unique and/or unusual family circumstance that prevents you from obtaining parental information for your FAFSA. 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 Petition does not guarantee it will be approved.

A student cannot be considered independent solely because a parent refuses to provide information on the FAFSA or does not support the student financially.

You must have a current 2020-2021 FAFSA on file at CCD. Submit the FAFSA providing only your information. Your FAFSA will be rejected because it is missing parental information. If this Petition is approved, the Financial Aid Office will process your FAFSA. If this Petition is denied, you will need to add parental information to the FAFSA or you may speak with a Financial Aid Advisor to discuss your options. If you are unable to provide the required information to complete your FAFSA, you may be required to cover your educational costs without the benefit of financial aid.

All Petitioners must complete this form in its entirety and provide the following:

1. Completed 2020-2021 Verification Worksheet – Dependent Student Form 1. Leave parent information blank at this time. If your Petition is denied, we may request that you add parental information to the form. All student forms are available online at www.ccd.edu/studentforms.
2. You must submit your 2018 signed taxes if you were unable to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool. A verification of non-filer letter from the IRS is needed if taxes weren't filed. If you earned wages you must submit all 2018 W2's.

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Choose one option below:

- ☐ Check here if this is your first Petition for Independence appeal. Provide the following:
1. A signed, detailed personal statement explaining why you are unable to provide your biological or adoptive parents' information on the FAFSA. Provide as much information as possible. Your statement must discuss your relationship with both of your biological or adoptive parents. Fully understanding your situation will help our office determine your dependency status so please provide as much information as possible. If you are petitioning because one or both of your parents are deceased, you must include copies of death certificates.
 2. A signed, detailed statement from an unbiased third party who is personally familiar with your family circumstances. This statement must support your appeal and the reasons you are unable to get parental information. Examples of an acceptable third party include: case manager, social worker, school counselor, teacher, police report, court documentation or another unbiased source that is personally aware of your situation. Your third party's statement should be signed and dated on official letterhead with contact information. Your third party must address the situation with both of your biological or adoptive parents. Please do not submit letters from family members or friends.
- ☐ Check here if CCD's Financial Aid Office has approved a Petition for Independence for you in the past. Provide the following:
1. A brief explanation that addresses why your previous Petition was approved as well as your current situation with both of your biological or adoptive parents. Have your circumstances changed at all?

All students petitioning for independence: complete the following questions and attach your signed statement(s) to this form.

1. Where are your parents living now? _____
2. When did you last live with your parent(s)? _____

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3. When did you last have contact (in person, telephone, online, etc.) with your biological or adoptive mother? _____

4. When did you last have contact (in person, telephone, online, etc.) with your biological or adoptive father? _____

5. When did your parent(s) last provide financial support for you? (Examples include medical insurance, car insurance, housing, etc.) _____

6. How have you supported yourself?

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

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Each Petition for Independence is reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Approval or denial of this Petition will be determined by CCD's Professional Judgment Committee and is final. Approval of this Petition does not guarantee that you will receive any additional financial aid funds. You will be notified in writing via your CCD student email account when a decision is made or if additional information is required.