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Financial Aid Office

Petition to Apply for Financial Aid as an Independent Applicant

Name: _____ SSN: _____
Address: _____ Telephone: _____
Award year or time frame for which you are petitioning: _____

Financial aid regulations assume that the family has primary responsibilities for meeting the educational costs of students. If you are considered a dependent student according to the financial aid definition, your aid eligibility is determined by using parent income and asset information, in addition to your information. Dependent students are required by law to provide parental information and signatures to be considered for financial aid.

Occasionally, due to unusual circumstances, students should not be considered as dependent. If you can document why you should be considered independent for some unusual reason, you may petition for a waiver of federal regulations requiring parental information. In your petition, you should answer each of the following items:

1. Identify the location of both your parents.
2. Describe the last time you had contact with each of your parents - when, where and the nature of the contact.
3. Explain what unusual circumstances should make you an independent student.
4. Describe how you have been self-supporting: a) when did you start meeting your expenses without parental support; and b) how have you provided for yourself?
5. Provide statements from two responsible adults who are aware of your situation. At least one statement must be from a professional (counselor, doctor, lawyer, psychologist, etc.) who is not a relative or friend. Copies of appropriate court documents are acceptable to support your petition.
6. Certify below: I have attached statements from the following persons (give name, address, job title and relationship to you):

- 1. _____ • 2. _____

I certify that the information provided in this petition is true and correct:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return completed form to:
Chowan College
Financial Aid Office
200 Jones Dr.
Murfreesboro, NC 27855
Toll Free – 800-488-4101
Financial Aid Office (252) 398-1229
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_____ accepted per professional judgment based on unusual circumstance	_____ denied
_____ Initials	_____ Date