You are receiving this document because you applied for and were granted independent status for the 2011-12 academic year. In order to determine your 2012-13 dependency status and financial aid application requirements, please review the following information.

If you can answer "YES" to any one of the following questions, you are automatically considered an independent student by the U.S. Department of Education and you do not need to file a Dependency Appeal Renewal. You may apply for financial aid online as an independent student at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

- Were you born before January 1, 1989?
- As of today, are you married? (Also answer "yes" if you are separated but not divorced.)
- At the beginning of the 2012-13 school year, will you be working on a master’s or doctorate program (MA, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, EdD, graduate certificate, etc.)?
- Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training?
- Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces?
- Do you have children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013?
- Do you have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2013?
- At any time since you turned age 13, did you no longer have any living parent (biological or adoptive), were you in foster care, or were you a ward/dependent of the court?
- As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you an emancipated minor?
- As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you in a legal guardianship?
- At any time on or after July 1, 2011, did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless?
- At any time on or after July 1, 2011, did the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless?
- At any time on or after July 1, 2011, 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 was self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?

If you cannot answer “YES” to any one of the previous questions, but your mitigating circumstances that permitted us to override your dependency status for the 2011-12 academic year have not changed, please submit the items below to reaffirm your independent student status. Renewals submitted without the required documentation will not be reviewed.

5. An updated letter from you reaffirming that your independent student status has not changed.
6. Updated documentation from a third party regarding the current status of your relationship or contact with your parent(s).

UPON REVIEW OF THE DOCUMENTATION RECEIVED, ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION MAY BE REQUIRED.