

Petition to Apply for Financial Aid Without Parental Information

SOUTH SEATTLE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NAME: _____ TELEPHONE: (____) _____

ADDRESS: _____

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: _____ SID NUMBER: _____

Financial Aid regulations assume that the family has primary responsibility 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.

However, occasionally due to extraordinary circumstances, students cannot obtain parental information. Examples of extraordinary circumstances are:

- Parents cannot be located and student has NO idea where they are.
- Parents are in prison.
- Parents abused the student and there are police reports or court papers to document it.

Extraordinary circumstances are NOT:

- Parents refusing to contribute to student's education/refusing to fill out the FAFSA form
- Parents not claiming student on their tax returns
- Student not living with parent(s)

If you feel you have an extraordinary circumstance, you may petition your dependency status by doing the following:

- 1) Submit a signed and dated statement. Provide information of your parents' whereabouts, the last time you lived with them, the last time you had any contact with them, why you no longer have contact with them, and any other unusual circumstances. **Submit documentation if applicable.**
- 2) Attach two statements from unbiased third parties who are aware of your circumstances and can corroborate the facts that you present, include their names, title, address and telephone number below. Examples of such persons are clergy, social workers, counselors, teachers, law enforcement officers, and court officials.
- 3) Attach your completed paper FAFSA and tax return. If your petition is approved, a SSCC Financial Aid Representative will sign your FAFSA to approve processing without parental information.

NAME _____ Title _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE# _____

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Please be aware that all questions must be answered and all statements must be attached, or the appeal may not be approved. The appeal must be confirmed each award year or until you become an INDEPENDENT STUDENT as defined by the FAFSA.

I certify that the information provided in this petition is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

IMPORTANT: If your petition is approved, the financial aid office will mail your FAFSA application back to you at the address on this form.

Once you receive your FAFSA, it is your responsibility to mail it to the Federal Student Aid Programs for processing.