Federal law assumes that the family has the primary responsibility for meeting the educational cost of students. Therefore, a student must meet certain federal criteria to qualify for financial aid as an independent student. If you do not meet one of the criteria listed on the FAFSA, you will be evaluated as a dependent student, meaning that your parents must provide income and asset information. If there are extraordinary circumstances that may warrant reevaluation of your dependency status, provide the following information so that your financial aid administrator may make this determination. You may be asked for additional documentation depending on your individual situation.

Attach the following information to this form:

A. Letter from you explaining: (1) the nature of your relationship with your parents; (2) the location of both parents and when you last had contact with them; (3) why you cannot obtain information and/or support from your parents; and (4) how you have been supporting yourself. Or Describe below:

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B. Statement from a responsible adult relative who is aware of your situation and can verify the facts you present in your letter.

C. Letter or document from parent(s) documenting parents’ intent or inability to support _Colleen Herman_  
Ex. Letter from Social Services or Parent

D. Competed and signed attached Verification Form

E. Attach proof of Guardianship

Circle responses below:

1. Are you living at home with your parents? YES NO

2. Did your parents claim you in their federal tax return for 2008? YES NO (Attach Parents 2008 Tax Form)

3. Will your parents claim you in their federal tax return for 2009? YES NO
Please complete the following statement of your expected 2009-10 annual calendar year income:

- Earned income (e.g., wages, salaries, tips, work-study earnings) $______
- Financial support received from parents $_____
- Monetary value of other support (e.g., health insurance, room & board) received from parents $_____
- Monetary value of other support (e.g., room & board) from persons other than parents (indicate source) $_______
- Amount of other annual income (indicate source) $
- Other I (indicate source) $

**TOTAL Income:** $________

List Your 2009-10 anticipated Expenses (Other than College expenses):

- Housing $ $
- Food $ $
- Transportation (e.g., car payment, insurance, gas, maintenance) $ $
- Utilities $
- Child care and/or dependent care $
- Personal (e.g., clothing, entertainment) $

**TOTAL 2009-10 Anticipated Expenses $ __________**

**Attach Other documents confirming your independent status:** ex. rent/lease agreements, rent receipts, utility receipts (ex. Electric Bill), and any other documents to support self-sufficiency.

I certify that the information above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I agree to give proof of the information that I have given above. I also realize that if I do not give such proof, my request will be denied, and parental data must be used for my financial aid application.

Student’s Signature________________________________ Date__________________________

Parent Signature _______ NA __________________________ Date __________________________

Grand Parent Signature________________________________ Date ____________________

_________________________________DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE________________________________

**ACTION:** DENIED APPROVED ____________ FAA INITIALS DATE______________

**COMMENTS:**

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