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Special Circumstances Petition

PLEASE PRINT IN BLACK INK	
Name: _____	Student ID #: _____
Address: _____	SSN #: _____
_____	Phone: _____

In exceptional or extraordinary cases, Financial Aid may consider overriding a student's dependency status. This allows a student who is normally considered dependent to apply for financial aid without providing parental information on the financial aid application. Please note:

"...none of the conditions listed below singly or in combinations, qualify as unusual circumstances or merit a dependency override:

- 1) **Parents refuse to contribute to the student's education**
- 2) **Parents are unwilling to provide information on the application or for verification**
- 3) **Parents do not claim the student as a dependent for income purposes**
- 4) **Student demonstrates total self sufficiency" *Federal Student Aid Handbook (HEA in Sec 480(d)(7))***

CONSIDERATION FOR SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRES THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ATTACHED TO THIS FORM

Student Signed Statement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ A clear and thorough statement explaining any unusual circumstances that prohibit or hinder the student from providing parental income information on the financial aid application (FAFSA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Unusual circumstances include: family violence, situations detrimental to physical or emotional well-being, situations in which parents cannot be contacted through normal means ◆ Statement must include: background information regarding estranged relationship with parents, when and how often contact occurs and any attempts made to resolve the situation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Must also explain, in detail, how student supported self during this period
TWO Third Party Letters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Signed letter from third party professionals familiar with the situation ◆ Signed letter from people outside your immediate family confirming or explaining the situation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Each letter must describe the relationship to student or student's family and length of time of the relationship
Documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Documentation (if available) of the situation described in statement, including court documents or police reports
Complete FAFSA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Have submitted a 2014/2015 FAFSA with Fresno State's School Code of 001147. If you did not originally file it with this school code, you can go back to www.fafsa.gov and make a correction to add it.

SITUATIONS NOT CLEARLY EXPLAINED AND DOCUMENTED WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED

Already submitted required documentation in an earlier petition and only submitting updated Student Statement.

I hereby certify that all information and documentation reported and attached to this forms is true, complete and accurate. I understand false statements or misrepresentation will be cause for denial, reduction, and/or repayment of financial aid.

_____ Student's Signature

_____ Date

NOTE: Approvals are valid for the current academic year ONLY. See a Financial Aid Counselor prior to filing subsequent applications.

OFFICE USE ONLY

<input type="checkbox"/> APPROVED	<input type="checkbox"/> DENIED	REASON: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> ISIR coded	<input type="checkbox"/> FAFSA coded, given to student	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Need FAFSA to code	<input type="checkbox"/> G-21 forwarded to CSAC	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Response to student	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal Comment	_____

DOCUMENTATION SCANNED UNDER _____ AY

_____ Financial Aid Signature

_____ Date