



Student Name		NVCC ID	
Phone No.		Email	

▶ **This Petition to be Independent should be based on unusual circumstances such as:**

1. Extenuating circumstances for Parent(s) such as incarceration or disability
2. Student's removal from parent home due to an abusive situation that threatened their safety and/or health
3. Inability of student to locate the parent(s) after making reasonable effort
4. Other extenuating circumstances sufficiently documented by a signed letter from a third party

The following **cannot** qualify for appeal or review: Student demonstrates self-sufficiency OR Parent(s) **(1)** refusal to contribute to educational costs **(2)** unwilling to provide information on the FAFSA application **(3)** do not claim student as a dependent for income tax purposes

▶ **The following documentation is required:**

1. Submit the 2016-2017 FAFSA
2. A specific letter written by the student, documenting and describing the breakdown in relationship between student and parent(s)
3. Two to three letters of supporting documentation from 3rd parties (may include counselors, teachers, clergy, medical personnel, courts, prison administrators, etc.) with knowledge of your current circumstance
 - a. A signed statement from relatives and friends may serve to substitute one of the 3rd party documentation

▶ **Answer the following questions (circle correct answer):**

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| 1. Where did you live in 2015? | On Campus | Off Campus | Parent(s)/Stepparent |
| 2. Where will you live in 2016? | On Campus | Off Campus | Parent(s)/Stepparent |
| 3. Did your parent(s)/stepparent provide you with health insurance? | 2014 (Y / N) | 2015 (Y / N) | |
| 4. Did your parent(s)/stepparent provide you with auto insurance? | 2014 (Y / N) | 2015 (Y / N) | |

You must complete a Petition to be Independent each year to affirm these circumstances still apply. By signing this form, I certify that all the information provided correctly reflects my current situation.

Student Signature

Date