

CHANGE IN DEPENDENCY STATUS APPEAL 2016-2017

There are federal requirements that a student must meet to qualify for financial aid as an independent student (see questions 48-60 of the **FREE Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**). If you do not meet one of the criteria listed on the FAFSA, you will be reviewed as a dependent student, meaning that your parents must provide income and asset information. In reviewing an appeal for a Change in Dependency Status, the federal guidelines suggest that the financial aid administrator consider those situations where it is *necessary* for the student to live separately from parents. This does not include students who make a *voluntary* decision to leave home nor does it include students who married after the completion of the FAFSA. If you believe that your file warrants re-evaluation as an independent student, please submit this form along with all requested documents to the NEIU Financial Aid Office. A determination will be made and you will be notified in writing.

NAME: _____

Phone: () _____

NEIU #: _____

E-Mail: _____@_____

1. On a separate sheet of paper, **please attach a typewritten explanation** as to why you believe you should be considered for financial aid as an independent student. Please attach any supporting documentation of your circumstance(s). **INCOMPLETE REQUESTS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

2. During the 2016-2017 academic year you will be residing:

___ with parents* ___ with relatives ___ in an apartment (attach copy of apartment lease)

***NOTE: Not living with your parents does not automatically classify you as an independent student.**

3. Attach copies of your and your parent(s)' **2015** IRS Tax Transcripts, 1099-K form(s) and W-2 form(s).

4. Did you receive financial aid in the 2015-2016 academic year as an independent student? _____

5. If you answered "yes" to question #4, please list the name of the school that you attended and attach a copy of the appeal from the other school. Please note overrides performed by previous institutions are not automatically approved.

6. If you received income that was not listed on your 2015 IRS Tax return please indicate the amount and the source of that income (include cash gifts from parents/relatives/friends, general assistance, 2016-2017 financial aid etc):

Amount: \$ _____ Source: _____

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Signature

Date