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2025-2026 Provisional Independent Student

Name : _____ Student ID Nmber: _____

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Federal student aid guidelines consider undergraduate students dependent on their parents until age 24, and financial aid eligibility is calculated using parent financial information. However, a student may have unusual circumstances that require consideration for independent status.

Allowable reasons include such situations as abuse, abandonment, or irreconcilable differences within the family. These reasons are not abasis for an appeal: student is self-supporting, parent refuses to pay for college, parent no longer claims the student on their taxes. Please allow two week for processing.

Submit a letter regarding your unusual circumstances. Include information regarding your relationship with your parents, the length of time you have been in this situation, other people you have lived with, how you have provided financially for yourself during this time, and, if you are a returned missionary, how you provided financially for your mission.

1. Submit third-party letters from two or more people who have first-hand knowledge of your situation. The letters should be from people who are unrelated to you but are aware of your situation, such as a counselor, bishop, law enforcement official, etc. **Letters must be notarized.** Those individuals writing letters should include their relationship to you and how long they have been aware of your situation.
2. Submit any additional documentation that may be applicable to your situation, such as:
 - Police report
 - Documentation of incarceration
 - Death certificate
 - Court order

If circumstances remain the same, you would receive this designation in subsequent years.

If I purposely give false or misleading information, I may receive a fine, a prison sentence, or both. By signing this form, I certify that all information is complete and correct.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Electronic signature is not allowed