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Dear Student:

In order for you to be considered an independent student for Federal financial aid for the 2012-2013 year, at least one of the following conditions must be met:

- You were born before January 1, 1989.
- You are a veteran of the U. S. Armed Forces.
- You are currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training
- You will be enrolled in a graduate or professional program (beyond a bachelor's degree) in 2012-2013.
- You are married.
- You are an emancipated minor as determined by a court of your state of legal residence.
- You have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you.
- You have children who receive more than half of their support from you.
- You are in legal guardianship as determined by a court in my state of legal residence.
- At the age of 13 or older, both of your parents were deceased or you were in foster care or considered a dependent/ward of the court.
- After July 1, 2011, you were determined to be an unaccompanied youth who was homeless by your high school or school district liaison.
- After July 1, 2011, you were determined to be an unaccompanied youth who was homeless by the director of an emergency shelter program funded by HUD.
- After July 1, 2011, you were determined to be an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or was self- supporting and at risk of being homeless by the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program.

If you do not meet one of the above conditions, you are considered a dependent student for federal financial aid for the 2012-2013 year and it will be necessary for you to provide parental information when applying for financial aid for this academic year.

If you have some exceptional circumstances or reasons why you should be considered an independent student, even though you do not meet the federal definition, you must provide us with documentation supporting your situation.

**Please note:** If you were considered an independent student for the previous academic year we cannot insure that you will be considered an independent student for the 2012-2013 academic year.

You must complete the enclosed Independent Status Request Form, attach all required pieces of documentation, and return to the Financial Aid Office of EUP. Upon receipt of this completed form and documentation, we will review your status to determine whether or not you are an independent student for the 2012-2013 academic year. We will notify you in writing of our decision.

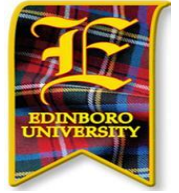
If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact our office at 814-732-3500.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Body, Assistant Vice President

Enclosure

**INDEPENDENT STATUS APPEAL FORM  
2012-2013**



STUDENTS NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Banner ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION I:**

PLEASE CHECK THOSE ITEMS WHICH APPLY TO YOU:

- I was born before January 1, 1989.
- I am a veteran of the U. S. Armed Forces.
- I am currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training.
- I will be enrolled in a graduate or professional program (beyond a bachelor's degree) in 2012-2013.
- I am married.
- I have legal dependents other than a spouse or children who receive more than half of their support from me.
- I have children who receive more than half of their support from me.
- I am an emancipated minor as determined by a court of my state of legal residence.
- I am in legal guardianship as determined by a court in my state of legal residence.
- At the age of 13 or older, both of my parents were deceased or I was in foster care or considered a dependent /ward of the court.
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If you checked off one or more of the above items, please sign the **Certification Section** of this form and return it to the Financial Aid Office at EUP. If you did not check off any of the above items, continue to Section II.

**SECTION II:**

1. **Enclose a detailed letter explaining the circumstances that support your request for independent status.**
2. Please list the amount of resources you had for the following years (Resources include taxed and untaxed income, personal long-term cash loans used for educational purposes, and any other income such as Social Security Benefits, Veterans Benefits, etc).

**Calendar Year 2011:** Enclose a copy of your 2011 Federal Income Tax Return (if you did not file a 2011 Federal Tax Return, complete Section III as well as the rest of this section).

Income earned from work:                   \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Untaxed income:                           \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Source: \_\_\_\_\_  
Support received from parents:           \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Other:                                       \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Source: \_\_\_\_\_

If you did not file a 2011 Federal Income Tax Return, you must complete Section III.

**If you do not have contact with your parents, please explain your circumstances in a detailed letter that accompanies your appeal and skip sections III & IV.**

Did your parents or any other individual claim you as an income tax exemption on their Federal Income Tax Return in 2011? **You must enclose signed copies of your parents 2011 Federal Income Tax Returns, even if they did not claim you. If someone else claimed you as a dependent please submit a copy of their signed Federal Income Tax Return.**

2011: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, they claimed me                      \_\_\_\_\_ No, they did not claim me

If your natural parents are divorced or separated and file individual income tax returns, you must submit copies of **both** parents' tax returns.

If your parents did not file a 2011 Federal Income Tax Return, they must complete Section IV.

**SECTION III**

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ I have not and am not required to file a U.S. Federal Income Tax Return (1040/1040A/1040EZ) for the 2011 year.

Means of Subsistence for 2011:\$\_\_\_\_\_ Source:\_\_\_\_\_

Student's Signature:\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION IV**

Parents: \_\_\_\_\_ I/We have not and am/are not required to file a U.S. Federal Income Tax Return (1040/1040A/1040EZ) for the 2011 year.

Means of Subsistence for 2011:\$\_\_\_\_\_ Source:\_\_\_\_\_

Father's Signature:\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Signature:\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATION SECTION**

**\*\*\*\*\* ALL STUDENTS MUST SIGN BELOW\*\*\*\*\***

I certify under penalty of perjury that the information provided on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Student's Signature:\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*YOU MUST COMPILE AND ENCLOSE ALL REQUIRED PIECES OF DOCUMENTATION TO THIS FORM. A DECISION WILL BE BASED ON THE DOCUMENTATION YOU SUBMIT. IF YOUR DOCUMENTATION IS INCOMPLETE, YOUR STATUS MAY BE DENIED BASED ON INCOMPLETE DATA.**

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