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LAST NAME: _____

FIRST NAME: _____

NORTH·SHORE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

STUDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES
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Petition to Apply for Financial Aid as an Independent Applicant – 2009-2010

Student Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Financial Aid regulations assume that the family has primary responsibility for meeting the educational costs of students. If you are considered a dependent student according to the financial aid definition (click on "Should I file as dependent or independent?" link at www.northshore.edu/services/fa), your aid eligibility is determined by using parent income and asset information in addition to your information.

Dependent students are required by law to provide parental information and signatures to be considered for financial aid. Occasionally, however, students should be considered independent due to **unusual circumstances** (for example, parent is incarcerated or otherwise unable to communicate due to severe health reasons, etc.).

The U.S. government has identified five conditions that, individually or in combination with one another, do NOT qualify as "unusual circumstances" for a dependency override. Those circumstances that are **not** considered a basis for an appeal are:

- Parent(s) unwilling to provide information on the FAFSA or for verification
- Parent(s) not claiming student as a dependent on their tax return
- Student is not being supported by parents and is completely self-supporting.
- Parent(s) refuse to contribute to the student's education
- Parent(s) live in a foreign country

If you can document why you should be considered independent for some other unusual reason, complete ALL questions of this appeal (numbers 1 through 8) and attach supporting documentation, as indicated. **Please follow these directions completely. An incomplete Dependency Override appeal will be promptly returned.**

1. Identify the location of both your parents:

Mother/stepmother: _____

Father/step-father: _____

2. Describe the last time you had contact with each of your parents. When, where and the nature of the contact (attach an extra page, if necessary):

Mother/step-mother: _____

Father/step-father: _____

3. Explain the unusual circumstances that make you independent (attach an extra page, if necessary):

4. Attach statements from **two responsible adults who are aware of your situation**. One statement can be from a relative, friend or acquaintance (such as a guidance counselor or teacher.) The other must be someone other than a relative or friend. Such a person could be a member of the clergy, social worker or court officer (copies of appropriate court documents are recommended to support your application).

5. Please complete the following documentation for self-support (show amounts per month):

Monthly Expenses:

Rent/Mortgage \$ _____
Telephone \$ _____
Electric \$ _____
Cable TV \$ _____
Heat \$ _____
Groceries \$ _____
Transportation \$ _____
Misc./Personal \$ _____

Monthly Income:

Employment \$ _____
Unemployment Comp. \$ _____
SSI/Disability \$ _____
Worker's Compensation \$ _____
AFDC/TNAF \$ _____
Friend/Relative support \$ _____
Inheritance/Trust Fund \$ _____

Monthly Total \$ _____

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6. Attach copies of the past two years' tax returns (2007 & 2008) or documentation of other income and benefits.

7. Provide the date you became self-supporting: _____

8. I certify the information provided on this application is true and correct:

Student's signature Date

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Counselor's recommendation:

Counselor's signature Date