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2010-11 Verification of Independence Status for FAFSA

Student Name _____ Student ID _____

On the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), you indicated that you are independent due to one of the reasons listed below. Please review your response and if correct, then submit the documents listed to verify your status. If your response was not correct on your FAFSA, please make your corrections to that question on your on-line FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov and notify the Financial Aid Office promptly.

Your FAFSA was marked “Independent” due to your response on one of the following questions: Please review your response and submit required documents.

1. At any time since you turned age 13, were both of your parents deceased, were you in foster care or were you a dependent or ward of the court?

Required supporting documentation:

- Death certificate(s) of your parent(s) Your age at that time: _____
- Foster Care documentation Your age at that time: _____
- Ward of the Court documents Your age at that time: _____

2. Are you or were you an emancipated minor or in legal guardianship as determined by a court in your state of legal residence? (FAFSA question #56 or #57)

Required supporting documentation:

- Proof of Legal Emancipation from your state of legal residence: _____
- Your age at the time of Emancipation: _____ State of residence: _____
- Proof of Legal Guardianship from your state of legal residence: _____
- Your age at the time of Legal Guardianship: _____ State of residence: _____

3. At any time on or after July 1, 2009, did your high school or school district homeless liaison or HUD official determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or did the director of a runaway or homeless youth center determine that you were homeless or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?

Required supporting documentation:

- Provide a copy of the determination of status by official homeless liaison or designee.

Signature of Student

Date