REQUEST FOR INDEPENDENT STATUS

Instructions:
Submit this Request for Independent Status along with the requested documentation (tax returns if filed) to the Financial Support Office for review.

Information
If your family situation involves a circumstance such as those described below, you may appeal your dependency status.

Before our office will consider any changes regarding dependency status, you must complete the appropriate sections of this form and provide supporting documentation. This office may request additional information for consideration of your review.

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<td>• Documented abandonment</td>
<td>• Parents refuse to provide information on the FAFSA or verification form</td>
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<td>• Student is homeless or at risk of homelessness</td>
<td>• Parents do not claim student as a dependent for income tax purposes</td>
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<td>• Student is in foster care</td>
<td>• Parents unwilling or unable to contribute to student’s education</td>
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<td>• Student is declared a Ward of the Court</td>
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**Karsh Office of Undergraduate Financial Support**  
2127 Campus Drive Annex, Box 90397, Durham, NC 27708  
Phone: (919) 684-6225   Email: finaid@duke.edu

Student Name: ___________________________  Student ID (if known): ____________  
Other Last Name’s Used: _____________________  Date of Birth: ________________

Mailing Address: ______________________________________________________________

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SSN#: ___________________________  Phone #: (____)_______________  Email Address ___________________________

**Describe your current circumstances that you feel warrant consideration of your dependency status.**

I am requesting a review of my independent status because:

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**Are you any of the following:**

- Orphan/Ward of the Court/In Foster Care
- Homeless/at risk of homelessness
- At risk of homelessness

**Student Income and Expense**

What income did you have to provide for yourself?  
Annual Total

| Earned Income Wages: $________________ |
| Savings, investments, trusts: $_________ |
| Other Assets: $________________ |
| Support from Others: $________________ |
| Other (Explain): $_________ |

**TOTAL INCOME:** $_________

**Attach a copy of your most recent federal income tax form: □ Attached □ Was not required to file**

Did you have contact with your parents during the past 12 months?

| Parent 1: □Yes □No  Parent’s Address: ____________________________ |
| Parent 2: □Yes □No  Parent’s Address: ____________________________ |

If yes, what was the nature of the contact? ____________________________________________________________

| Do you live full-time with someone other than your parent? □Yes, the Relationship: ___________________ □No |
| Who provides the majority of your financial support? ________________________________ |

| Do you anticipate having contact with either parent during this academic year? □Yes, which Parent? □No |
| Did you receive financial support from parents during 2016? Parent1: □Yes $________ □No / Parent2: □Yes $________ □No |

I hereby certify that the above information contained in statements are true and complete.

Student Signature: ___________________________  Date: ____________
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Affidavit In Lieu of Parent’s Information

Student ID# ______________

Student First Name: ___________________________ Student Last Name: ______________________________

Third Party Declarant’s Information

Name: _______________________________________
Relationship to student: ___________________________
Address: _______________________________________
Email: _________________________________________
Phone: _________________________________________

☐ Are you the student’s legal guardian? ☐ Yes ☐ No*
*Please attach court documents to verify guardianship or explanation as to why there are no court documents.

The student named above has indicated on the application for financial aid that he/she is unable to provide parent information due to unusual circumstances.

Would you rate the students’ relations with parent(s) as estranged ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you provided support to this student: ☐ Yes ☐ No

How long have you known the student? _______________

Please describe your knowledge of the student’s family history and relationship with parent(s) that make the students circumstances unusual:
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Signature: ___________________________________________ Date: ______________________________

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