



## INDEPENDENT STATUS PETITION FOR 2008 - 2009 ACADEMIC YEAR.

Name (Last, First, MI)	CCBC ID Number (not your SS#)
Address (Street or PO Box, Apartment Number, City, State, Zip)	Telephone Number

### PROCEDURES FOR EXTENUATING AND UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES

On a case-by-case basis, the Financial Aid Office can use Professional Judgment in determining a student's dependency status if extenuating and unusual circumstances exist.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The following are NOT considered extenuating or unusual circumstances as stated by the U.S. Department of Education:

- **Parents refuse to contribute to student's education**
- **Parents are unwilling to provide information on the FAFSA or for verification**
- **Parents do not claim the student as a dependent for income tax purposes**
- **Student demonstrates total self-sufficiency**

If you feel that your circumstances would allow you to receive financial aid as an Independent student, please submit the following to your home campus Financial Aid Office:

- **A personal letter describing, in detail, your extenuating and unusual circumstances.**
- **Third party documentation supporting the extenuating and unusual circumstances you have described.** Examples of third party documentation include letters from a School Counselor, Teacher, Social Worker, Clergy, or Medical Professional; court orders; police reports; elementary or secondary school records indicating guardianship; death certificates; or proof of incarceration of parent.
- **Signed Federal Tax Form (1040/1040A/1040EZ) and W2s for 2007 (if applicable).**
- **Any additional supporting documentation** relating to your circumstance.

#### **Certification**

I understand that the Financial Aid Administrator at the Community College of Baltimore County (CCBC) may change my status to Independent for the purpose of receiving financial aid at CCBC only. I also understand that the judgment of the Financial Aid Administrator is FINAL and the decision CANNOT be appealed to anyone including the U.S. Department of Education.

I certify that the information provided to the CCBC Financial Aid Office in support of my "Independent Status Petition" is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature	Date Signed
Email Address	Cell Phone Number