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2007-2008 Appeal for Independent Status

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Social Security Number	
Address (include apartment number)			Date of Birth	
City	State	ZIP Code	Home Phone	Work Phone

The Higher Education Act of 1992 clearly states which students will be considered independent of parental support for educational costs. Independent students must be able to answer "Yes" to at least **one** of the following questions (From FAFSA Step 3):

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| 1. Were you born before January 1, 1984? | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No |
| 2. During the 2007-2008 school year, will you be working on a master's or doctorate program (such as an MA, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, or graduate certificate, etc.)? | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No |
| 3. As of today, are you married? (Answer "Yes" if you are separated but not divorced.) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No |
| 4. Do you have children who receive more than half of their support from you? | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No |
| 5. Do you have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2008? | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No |
| 6. Are you an orphan, or are you or were you (until age 18) a ward/dependent of the court? | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No |
| 7. Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces? | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No |
| 8. Are you currently serving active duty in the US Armed Forces for purposes other than training? | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No |

If you cannot answer "Yes" to at least one of the preceding questions, a Financial Assistance Administrator or Financial Assistance Committee may consider exceptional circumstances that would allow you to be independent. The unwillingness of a parent to provide support or the choice of a student not to accept support are unacceptable reasons to file this appeal. **Any decision rendered applies only to Fort Hays State University. Regardless of whether this appeal is approved or disapproved, you must appeal for independent status each year until one of the criteria listed above is met.**

To be considered for independent status, please provide the following documentation:

- A written description of the unique circumstances that make you independent from your parents or appeal in person to the Financial Assistance Committee. Appeals in person can be scheduled through the Office of Student Affairs, Sheridan Hall, Room 208, (785) 628-4277.
- Three letters of support from people who know your situation (i.e., social worker, counselor, clergy, foster parents, etc.). Letters of support from parents will **not** be considered.

The Financial Assistance Office or Financial Assistance Committee may require additional documentation after this appeal is submitted. Any documentation you submit cannot be returned.

Certification Statement – all students must complete.

WARNING: If you purposely give false or misleading information on this form, you may be subject to a \$10,000 fine, a prison sentence, or both.

All the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If asked by an authorized official, I agree to provide proof of the information that I have given on this form. I realize that this proof may include a copy of my federal, state, or local income tax information. I also realize that if I do not provide proof when asked, I may not receive financial assistance.

Student's Signature

Date