

**PETITION TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID
WITHOUT PARENTAL INFORMATION**

Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____ E-Mail Address _____ Student ID # _____

Financial Aid regulations assume that the family has the primary responsibility for meeting the educational costs of students. If you are considered a dependent student according to federal regulations, your financial aid eligibility is determined by using parental 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, due to extenuating circumstances, students cannot obtain parental information. If you cannot provide parental data, you may petition for a waiver of federal regulations requiring parental information.

Please use a separate sheet of paper and answer each of the following questions. Attach your answers to this form and return the materials to the Pierce College Financial Aid Office.

- 1) Identify the location of both of your parents.
- 2) Describe the last time you had contact with each of you parents (when, where and the nature of the contact). Specific details are recommended.
- 3) Explain why you cannot obtain parental information.
- 4) Describe how you have been self-supporting: a) when did you start meeting your expenses without parental support, and b) how have you supported yourself.
- 5) Provide statements from **two** responsible adults who are aware of your situation and can corroborate the facts you have presented. Examples of such persons would include clergy, social workers or other social service personnel, court officials (or copies of court documents), teachers, counselors, and police officers. **At least one statement must be from someone who is not a relative or a friend.**
- 6) Certify below: I have attached statements from the following persons (give name, address and phone number, job title, and relationship to you). Please Print

I certify that the information provided in this petition if true and correct

Signature _____ Date _____

Financial Aid Office Use Only

Petition Approved: Yes No FAO: _____ Date: _____

Examples of extenuating circumstances are physical, drug, and mental abuse parent(s) incarcerated. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed. All documents must be submitted with your COMPLETED AND SIGNED FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) FORM if you have not already filed the FAFSA.

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Student Name _____ SID _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

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Please submit two references. One reference statement must be from someone other than a personal friend or relative such as a counselor, minister, social worker, lawyer, agency representative or high school teacher/employee.

This is to certify _____
(Student printed name)

Has not had any contact with his/her parent(s) since _____ (Month/Year)

Receives no financial support from them since _____ (Month /Year)

Please describe the student's relationship with his/her parents based on your personal knowledge of the student's situation on a separate sheet of paper. Please sign your statement.

Printed Name of Person Providing Statement

Signature

Title/ Relationship of person providing statement Date

Telephone Number

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