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Office of Financial Aid 2018-2019 Dependency Status Appeal

This form is to be used by students with exceptional circumstances to review their dependency status. Please note the following circumstances DO NOT merit a dependency override: parents refusing to contribute to student’s education or refusal to complete a FAFSA, parents not claiming the student on their taxes, or the student demonstrating self-sufficiency. Your appeal will be reviewed for the 2018-2019 academic year only. Renewal appeals must be filed for subsequent years.

PLEASE PRINT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Name: _____ ID#: _____

Local Address: _____ SSN: _____

Phone #: _____ Email Address: _____

Check one:

- __ I am applying for an initial dependency status appeal.
__ I am applying for a renewal of a previous dependency status appeal that was granted by Bennett College.

Check type of circumstance(s) that apply to your situation. It must have the three (3) required documents.

- Your custodial parent has died. The other natural parent is living, but you have not had contact with or received any financial support from the living parent for a significant period of time. Required Documentation: Notarized letter from you explaining the situation in detail, Copy of the death certificate for the deceased custodial parent, Notarized letter by an objective third party that supports your claim that you have not lived with or received financial support from the non-custodial parent for a significant period of time.
Your family situation is untenable that may result from physical abuse, emotional abuse, or drug or alcohol abuse. In many cases, a professional counselor has counseled you to live apart from your parent(s). Required Documentation: Notarized letter from you explaining the situation in detail, A letter (on official letterhead) explaining the situation in detail from a social worker, psychologist, medical doctor, or another counseling professional, Police reports, court records or documentation from a social agency.
You do not meet the independent definition, but you are divorced with no dependents. Required Documentation: Divorce Decree, Attach a copy of your 2016 federal tax returns, Did your parent(s) provide you with any support in 2016? Yes No. If yes, amount of support \$

Certification Statement: I hereby certify that all information contained in this appeal is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I have not knowingly or intentionally provided any fraudulent documentation.

Failure to provide any information requested will result in an automatic denial.

Student Signature

Date

