

**Petition For Consideration
Of Independent Status
2026-2027**



Name _____ Student ID _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

This petition is used for consideration of changing your dependency status to independent. Attach a signed, detailed letter explaining your situation with information on how you support yourself. Also attach a statement from a school official or a responsible individual from the community (i.e., minister, social worker, counselor, etc.) that describes the specifics of your situation.

In the last 12 months:

I have been a part of an extremely adverse home situation that has led to estrangement from my parents.

My last communication with my father was (date) _____.

My last communication with my mother was (date) _____.

I do not know the whereabouts of my parents.

My last contact with my father was (date) _____.

My last contact with my mother was (date) _____.

My parents do not reside in the United States. They live in _____.

My last contact with my father was (date) _____.

My last contact with my mother was (date) _____.

Complete the following:

1. I have not resided with my father since _____.

I have not resided with my mother since _____.

2. I have not received financial support or money paid on my behalf* from my father since _____.

I have not received financial support or money paid on my behalf* from my mother since _____.

* **Note:** includes items such as health or auto insurance coverage, payments toward housing or rent, auto payments, cellphone, etc.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

TYPED SIGNATURES ARE NOT ACCEPTED

RETURN THIS COMPLETED AND SIGNED FORM TO:

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218.477.2251 • Fax: 218.477.2058 • E-mail: financialaid@mnstate.edu