This Petition to be Independent should be based on unusual circumstances not included in Section 3 of the FAFSA such as:

1. Extenuating circumstances for Parent(s)/Stepparent such as incarceration or disability
2. Student’s voluntary or involuntary removal from parent home due to an abusive situation that threatened their safety and/or health
3. Inability of student to locate the parent(s) after making reasonable effort
4. Other extenuating circumstances sufficiently documented by a signed letter from a third party

The following cannot qualify for appeal or review:

- Student demonstrates self-sufficiency or Parent(s)/Stepparent (1) refusal to contribute to educational costs
- (2) unwilling to provide information on the FAFSA application (3) do not claim student as a dependent for income tax purposes

The following documentation is required:

1. Submit the 2015-2016 FAFSA
2. A specific letter documenting and describing the breakdown in relationship between student and parent(s)/stepparent in order to review for independency
3. Supporting documentation from a 3rd party (may include counselors, teachers, clergy, medical personnel, courts, prison administrators, etc.) with knowledge of your current circumstance.
   a. A signed statement from relatives, friends, and yourself when 3rd party documentation cannot be obtained

Answer the following questions (circle correct answer):

1. Where did you live in 2014?  On Campus  Off Campus  Parent(s)/Stepparent
2. Where will you live in 2015?  On Campus  Off Campus  Parent(s)/Stepparent
3. Did your parent(s)/stepparent provide you with health insurance?  2013 (Y / N)  2014 (Y / N)
4. Did your parent(s)/stepparent provide you with auto insurance?  2013 (Y / N)  2014 (Y / N)

You must complete a Petition to be Independent each year to affirm these circumstances still apply.
The information provided correctly reflects my current financial situation.