This Petition to be Independent should be based on unusual circumstances such as:
1. Extenuating circumstances for Parent(s) such as incarceration or disability
2. Student’s 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) (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 2016-2017 FAFSA
2. A specific letter documenting and describing the breakdown in relationship between student and parent(s)
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 and friends when 3rd party documentation cannot be obtained

Answer the following questions (circle correct answer):
1. Where did you live in 2015? On Campus Off Campus Parent(s)/Stepparent
2. Where will you live in 2016? On Campus Off Campus Parent(s)/Stepparent
3. Did your parent(s)/stepparent provide you with health insurance? 2014 (Y / N) 2015 (Y / N)
4. Did your parent(s)/stepparent provide you with auto insurance? 2014 (Y / N) 2015 (Y / N)

You must complete a Petition to be Independent each year to affirm these circumstances still apply.

By signing this form, I certify that all the information provided correctly reflects my current situation.