



Albion College

2011-12 Independent Status Appeal Form

Name _____

ID Number _____

The Higher Education Act allows an aid administrator to classify a student as independent on the basis of extenuating circumstances. Students may petition to be reclassified as independent based upon documented adverse family circumstances that may make obtaining parents' information impossible.

Circumstances that will be considered:	Circumstances that are not considered extenuating:
Abusive family environment	Parents refuse to contribute to student's education
Abandonment by parents	Parents' unwillingness to provide financial support
Severe estrangement from parents	Parents' unwillingness to complete FAFSA
Parents' whereabouts unknown	Student demonstrates total self-sufficiency

In order for your appeal to be approved, you must provide documentation confirming that all emotional and financial contact with parents has been severed as a result of the adverse family circumstance.

To review your appeal, the following information and/or documents must be submitted:

- A detailed explanation describing the adverse family circumstances
- A detailed explanation from one or more person(s) having broad knowledge of the adverse situation.
- A letter from a professional person (counselor, therapist, member of the clergy, social worker, etc.) on their letterhead confirming and documenting the adverse family circumstances.
- Copy of your 2011 federal income tax return or verification of untaxed income.
- Copy of your current lease/rental agreement.

Certification: All the information provided by me or any other person is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

I understand that upon receipt of this information, the Albion College Office of Financial Aid will review all information and if approved, changes will be made to my aid eligibility. I further understand that failure to submit all information requested or incomplete information will further delay or jeopardize my appeal.

I understand that if my appeal is approved, I must request in writing a dependency override for each subsequent academic year I wish to apply for aid.

Name

Signature

Date