

2007-2008 Independent Status Appeal

Please complete, sign and return this form to:



St. Cloud Technical College
Financial Aid Office
1540 Northway Drive
St Cloud, MN 56303

Student Information

Name (last, first, middle initial)

Social Security Number or Tech ID #

Phone Number

E-mail Address

Independent Status Definition

The federally mandated formula used to determine your financial need is based on the premise that your family has the primary responsibility to pay for your higher education. The federal government has specific standards which determine who is a dependent student and who is an independent student. To have independent status, you must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- You were born before January 1, 1984
- You are enrolled in a graduate or professional program
- You are married
- You have children who receive more than half of their support from you
- You have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and receive more than half their support from you from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008
- You were a ward of the court until age 18, or both parents are deceased
- You are a veteran of the U.S. Armed Services

Exceptions to the federal standards may be made on a case by case basis. If you do not meet any of the above criteria and believe you have extenuating circumstances, you may appeal your status below. **Please note that parental disagreements or the refusal of the parent or stepparent to provide support or information are not considered extenuating circumstances. It is also not an extenuating circumstance to be a self-supporting student.**

Documentation

To appeal your status, attach ALL of the following:

- Explanation of your mitigating circumstances
- Documentation of any support received from your parents (stepparents) from July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008
- Copy of your 2006 Federal tax return and W2s
- Supporting documentation from an independent third party (such as counselors, clergy, social worker, etc.) supporting your total and permanent separation from your family

Signature

Student Signature

Date