

**FOOTHILL COLLEGE**  
**Financial Aid Office**  
**2009-2010 Request for Dependency Review**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ SID#: \_\_\_\_\_

**Dependency**

Congress defines an independent student as one whom:

- was born before January 1, 1986 **or**
- as of the date the FAFSA was filed, is married **or**
- will be working on a degree beyond a bachelor's degree in school year 2009-2010 **or**
- is currently serving active duty in U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training **or**
- is a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces **or**
- has children who receive more than 50% of their support from you in 2009-2010 **or**
- has dependents other than a spouse who receive more than 50% of their support from you **or**
- as of the age of 13 both parents were deceased, was in foster care or was considered a ward of the court **or**
- as of the date the FAFSA was filed, is an emancipated minor as determined by the courts **or**
- as of the date the FAFSA was filed, is in a legal guardianship as determined by the courts **or**
- at anytime after July 1<sup>st</sup> 2008 your H.S. or school district's Homeless Liaison determined you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless **or**
- at anytime after July 1<sup>st</sup> 2008 the director of an emergency shelter funded by HUD determined you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless **or**
- at anytime after July 1<sup>st</sup> 2008 the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center determined you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless

Unless one of these applies to you, then your parents share responsibility for your educational expenses and their financial information must be on your application.

**Exceptions**

In the view of the Department of Education, exceptions may only be made if extraordinary and unusual circumstances can be documented. Examples might include refugees, political asylees, incarcerated parents, physically abusive relationships, etc. If you have similar exceptional circumstances, please describe these on the back of this sheet in complete detail; **attach all the required documentation and submit them to the Financial Aid Office for review.**

**Required Documentation**

In order for the Financial Aid Office to consider your request to review your dependency status, we need additional information and documentation of your family circumstances.

- A Personal Statement of explanation, **and**
- Copies of any court records, police reports, death certificates, etc. **and**
- Two (2) written letters from a third party who knows your situation, such as, clergy, teachers, counselors, or social workers; letters from other students and/or friends are not considered an independent third party.

