



2009-2010 APPEAL FOR INDEPENDENT STATUS

In order to be considered an independent student, you must clearly demonstrate how your circumstances would warrant our office to make a professional judgment and override the federal definition of a dependent student. The U.S. Department of Education maintains the following situations do not justify a request for independent status; these include but are not limited to 1) a parent refusing to provide data; 2) a student who does not want to ask parents for information; 3) a student has been "on their own" for several years; 4) a student who doesn't communicate with parents or 5) parents refusal to help pay for college. Such students would be "dependent" for financial aid consideration.

Student Name: _____ Student ID: R_____

Address: _____
No. Street Apt. City State Zip Code

University E-mail Address: _____@unr.nevada.edu Local Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION: The required documents or explanations MUST be attached to this appeal. Provide your name and student R number on every document submitted. Incomplete appeals will not be considered.

- **STUDENT STATEMENT:** Submit a signed statement that clearly outlines 1) the extenuating circumstances you believe make you independent and 2) specifically describe how you supported yourself during the last calendar year. If a previous appeal was approved, an updated student statement is required.
- **THIRD-PARTY STATEMENTS:** Submit a minimum of two detailed third-party statements from other individuals supporting the fact that you have unique and unusual circumstances. These statements may be from school counselors, administrators, clergy, physicians, social workers or other individuals who are familiar with your circumstances. The statements must be submitted on business letterhead and include phone number and address.
- **STUDENT'S TAX RETURN:** Submit a copy of both your 2007 and 2008 signed federal income tax returns with W-2s attached. This must correspond with your statement of self-support. Taxes must be signed. If no tax returns were filed, attach a detailed statement explaining how your basic living expenses were paid.
- **INDEPENDENT VERIFICATION WORKSHEET:** Submit this worksheet found on our web site; along with the Income and Expense Form only if your total income for 2008 is lower than \$10,830.

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

- What are your current living arrangements? Campus Housing Off-Campus With friends or relatives (identify who): _____ Other (identify): _____
- Were you claimed by anyone on their 2007 or 2008 federal income tax returns? No Yes-If Yes, identify person, relationship and year: _____
- What is your parent's current address and phone number? _____

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that all information reported on this form and any attachments hereto are true, complete and accurate. False statements or misrepresentations will be cause for denial, reduction, withdrawal and/or repayment of financial aid.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: SSN: _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Previously Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved
<input type="checkbox"/> Denied	<input type="checkbox"/> Pending
	<input type="checkbox"/> Returned to Student
FAO: _____	Date: _____