**Petition for Independent Status**  
**2013-2014**

Student’s Name: ___________________________________ I- Number: ____________________

Student Email Address: ______________________ Phone Number: _______________________

**REQUEST FOR EXCEPTION**

The requirements to be considered an independent student are explained in the Free Application for Federal Financial Aid. If you do not qualify under these rules, the Financial Aid Office may allow a dependent student to become independent because of unusual circumstances such as total estrangement from parents, abuse in the home, or other special circumstances as determined by the committee. Approval of this petition only applies to Brigham Young University-Idaho.

If you do not meet any of the regular requirements for independent status, but your home situation is such that neither of your parents should be considered as a resource for your education, you must provide the information listed below to the Financial Aid Office. The unwillingness of a parent to provide support or the choice of a student not to accept support are unacceptable reasons to make this request.

To be considered for independent status, our office requires all of the following:

1. Explain the unusual circumstances that should qualify you as an independent student.
2. Identify the location of your parents and your relationship with them.
3. Describe how you have been self-supporting; such as when did you start meeting your expenses without parental support, including room & board, car & medical insurance, transportation, etc.?
4. Provide statements from two adults who are aware of your situation. Examples would be your bishop, social worker, high school counselor, etc. Copies of appropriate court documents are acceptable to support your petition.

**CERTIFICATION**

I certify that the information on this form and all attached documentation is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I waive my rights to the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act regarding supporting documentation for this petition. *If I purposely give false or misleading information in this petition, I may be fined, sentenced to jail or both.*

Student Signature: _______________________________ Date: __________________________

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