

**Petition For Consideration  
Of Independent Status  
2023-2024**



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

This petition is used for consideration of changing your dependency status to independent. You must attach a signed, detailed letter explaining your situation with information on how you support yourself. You must also attach a statement from a school official or a responsible individual from the community (i.e., minister, social worker, counselor, etc.) that provides the specifics of your case.

**During the preceding 12 months, the following conditions existed (check the appropriate box(es) and provide dates):**

I have been a part of extremely adverse home situation that has led to an estrangement from my parents.  
My last communication with my father was (date) \_\_\_\_\_;  
My last communication with my mother was (date) \_\_\_\_\_.

I do not know the whereabouts of my parents.  
My last contact with my father was (date) \_\_\_\_\_;  
My last contact with my mother was (date) \_\_\_\_\_.

My parents do not reside in the United States. They live in \_\_\_\_\_.  
My last contact with my father was (date) \_\_\_\_\_;  
My last contact with my mother was (date) \_\_\_\_\_.

**Please answer all of the questions below:**

1. I have not resided with my father since \_\_\_\_\_;  
I have not resided with my mother since \_\_\_\_\_.
2. I have not received any financial support or money paid on my behalf\* from my father since \_\_\_\_\_;  
I have not received any financial support or money paid on my behalf\* from my mother since \_\_\_\_\_.

\* **Note:** this includes items such as health or auto insurance coverage, payments toward housing or rent, auto payments, cellphone, etc.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN THIS COMPLETED AND SIGNED FORM TO:**  
Minnesota State University Moorhead • Office of Scholarship and Financial Aid • MSUM Box 90 • 1104 7th Avenue South • Moorhead, MN 56563  
218.477.2251 • Fax: 218.477.2058 • E-mail: [finaid@mnstate.edu](mailto:finaid@mnstate.edu)