



**PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT  
PETITION FOR INDEPENDENT STATUS  
2010-2011**

**PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM:**

According to Federal Regulations the following four conditions, individually or in any combination, **DO NOT** qualify as “unusual circumstances” and they **DO NOT** merit a dependency override.

1. Parents refusing to contribute to the student’s education;
2. Parents unwilling to provide information on the application or for verification;
3. Parents not claiming the student as a dependent for income tax purposes;
4. Student demonstrating total self-sufficiency

**Instructions:**

1. Attach a separate statement explaining the reason and circumstances for this petition. Be sure to include your signature.
2. Provide three letters, each from a third party, verifying your situation. These statements should not be character references; rather they should be statements supporting the extenuating circumstances that led to your independence. These statements should be from people in positions of authority. Each statement should include their name, permanent address, daytime phone number, relationship to you, employer, title, and most importantly, their signature. All statements must be attached to this form and submitted collectively.
3. Include **copies** of your:
  - Rent receipts or cancelled (rent) checks from 2009 and 2010
  - Lease for 2009 and 2010
  - Utility and phone bills from 2009 and 2010
  - 2009 tax returns
  - Vehicle registration and insurance cards (if applicable)
  - Any other information you feel would assist the committee in making a professional judgment decision regarding your special case
4. Complete both sides of this Petition Form.
5. Submit the completed Petition Form, signed statements, and all other supporting documents to the Financial Aid Office at Robert Morris University.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

SS # or RMU ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Local Address \_\_\_\_\_

Local/Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Class Level:  Freshman     Sophomore     Junior     Senior

## Please answer the following questions.

1. Will your parents be providing any of your financial support for educational or living expenses?	
2. Will any other family members be providing any of your financial support for educational and/or living expenses?	
3. Do you live with your parents? If yes, how much do you pay for room and board, if any?	\$
4. Do you live on your own?	
5. If you live on your own, do your parents help you with rent?	
6. Do you own a vehicle?	
7. Do you have health insurance?	
8. Are you covered under your parents' health insurance?	
9. Are there existing college trust funds that have been established for you? Please list the amount.	\$
10. What is your estimated 2010 gross income?	\$
11. Did your parents claim you on their 2008 or 2009 tax return?	

I certify that all of the information on this form is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I certify that all of the information related to or attached to this form is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Student signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**For Office Use Only**

Decision and Date:

Reviewed By:

Additional Comments:

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