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Student Financial Aid Office

2014-2015 Contribution Adjustment Request—Independent

Student's Name (please print) _____

Social Security Number _____

***A letter of explanation is required to accompany this form.
Forms received without a letter will be returned to the student.***

A financial aid administrator may adjust an individual family contribution if the administrator believes the family's financial circumstances warrant. The financial aid administrator will not automatically make these adjustments, there must be valid, substantiated reasons for the adjustment.

If your family's 2014 income will be equal to or greater than the 2013 income, do not complete the rest of this form! Contact a financial aid administrator to discuss possible options.

If you qualify for a contribution adjustment, this form (completed front and back), along with a written explanation of your situation, must be submitted to the Student Financial Aid Office. An administrator will review your request for reconsideration. Additional documentation or information may be requested. Examples include (depending on your situation): tax returns, written statements listing types and amounts of income or resources, a copy of a letter of termination, copies of medical bills or private tuition payments, statements from counselors, clergy or social workers, statements from accountants or bankers, marriage certificates or divorce decrees. Documentation is necessary in a student's file to support the administrator's decision and provide a history of the circumstance for an audit or program review.

Please review the questions below and indicate which explanation(s) applies to the reason(s) your family's 2014 income will be reduced.

Death of spouse (must have occurred AFTER January 1, 2013).

Date: _____
Month/Day/Year

Divorce/Separation from spouse (must have occurred AFTER January 1, 2013).

Date: _____
Month/Day/Year

Will you receive or pay child support?

Yes No If yes, as of what date will the payments begin? Date: _____
Month/Day/Year

Permanent and total disability of student or spouse (must have occurred AFTER January 1, 2013).

Date: _____ _____
Month/Day/Year Relationship

Spouse or student has retired; been unemployed for at least 10 weeks or has experienced a change in employment status which will result in an income reduction AFTER January 1, 2013.

Date: _____ _____
Month/Day/Year Relationship

Untaxed income has ceased or been reduced.

Date: _____ _____
Month/Day/Year Type of income

Complete both of the sections (Taxed and Untaxed) below with income (prior to exemptions, adjustments, or deductions) your family expects to receive **from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014**. IF NONE, ENTER ZEROS.

<u>TOTAL 2014 GROSS TAXED INCOME</u>	<u>Student's Income</u>	<u>Spouse's Income</u>
1. Wages, salaries, tips	\$ _____	\$ _____
2. Severance pay	\$ _____	\$ _____
3. Pensions and annuities	\$ _____	\$ _____
4. Interest and dividend income	\$ _____	\$ _____
5. Business or farm income	\$ _____	\$ _____
6. Capital gains	\$ _____	\$ _____
7. Income received from rents after expenses paid for mortgage interest, taxes, and insurance	\$ _____	\$ _____
8. Alimony which will be received	\$ _____	\$ _____
9. Unemployment Compensation (State and/or SUB)	\$ _____	\$ _____
10. Taxable Social Security benefits	\$ _____	\$ _____
11. Any other taxed income _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Total 2014 Gross Taxed Income	\$ _____	\$ _____

<u>TOTAL 2014 UNTAXED INCOME</u>	<u>Student's Income</u>	<u>Spouse's Income</u>
1. Untaxed portion of pensions	\$ _____	\$ _____
2. Payments to tax-deferred pension and savings plans (paid directly or withheld from earnings). Include untaxed portion of 401(k) and 403(b) plans (from Box 12 on W-2s).	\$ _____	\$ _____
3. Child support or maintenance payments which will be received for ALL children (include cash support or money paid on student's behalf from noncustodial parent)	\$ _____	\$ _____
4. Living and housing allowances (excluding rent subsidies for low income housing) for clergy, military and others (include cash payments or cash value of benefits)	\$ _____	\$ _____
5. Veteran's benefits <u>except</u> educational benefits	\$ _____	\$ _____
6. Retirement or disability benefits	\$ _____	\$ _____
7. Railroad Retirement benefits	\$ _____	\$ _____
8. Workers' Compensation	\$ _____	\$ _____
9. Any other untaxed income and benefits _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
<i>Don't include student aid, earned income tax credit, additional child tax credit, welfare payments, untaxed Social Security benefits, Supplemental Security Income, Workforce Investment Act educational benefits, combat pay, benefits from flexible spending arrangements (e.g. cafeteria plans), foreign income exclusion, or credit for federal tax on special fuels.</i>		
Total 2014 Untaxed Income	\$ _____	\$ _____

Will Student/Spouse pay child support during **2014**? Yes No
 If yes, Number of Months _____ Monthly Payment \$ _____ **TOTAL \$ _____**

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Spouse's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Warning: If you purposely give false or misleading information on this form to help establish eligibility for federal student aid, you may be subject to a \$10,000 fine, a prison sentence or both.