



Belmont Technical College

Office of Student Financial Aid

2010 - 2011 Dependency Status Appeal Form

Name _____ SS# _____

Address _____ Day Phone (____) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

The basic premise of federal financial aid is that student and parent(s) have the primary obligation to finance postsecondary education to the extent they are able. The Belmont Technical College Financial Aid Office supports this premise and the current federal dependency definition. It is our policy to override the federal determination of dependence with extreme caution and only when it is clearly demonstrated and supported with third-party documents, that an otherwise dependent student's parent(s) is no longer available to participate with the student in applying for federal assistance.

This form is used by student financial aid applicants who are seeking a review of their dependency status based upon unusual circumstances that prohibit their parents from participating with them in the application process.

Warning: Your appeal will not be reviewed if all said documentation is not provided.

STEP 1: Unusual Circumstances

Explain in detail below the reasons why you should be considered an independent student for the 2010/2011 academic year. Include all pertinent facts, which clearly reveal your unusual circumstances. (Attach an additional sheet if more space is needed)

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STEP 2: Documentation

- Two third party documentation letters (i.e. high school counselor, Children Services Board counselor, psychologist, legal documents, minister, lawyer, etc.). Must be on official letterhead and must include a contact phone number.
- Proof of legal dependents (i.e. copy of birth certificate)
- Other _____

STEP 4: Provide documentation of self-support ie: taxable and non-taxable income received in calendar year 2010.

STEP 3: Certification

Sign the Certification Statement below.

This appeal will be reviewed by the Student Financial Aid Office. You will be notified in writing of the decision. Supporting documentation must be attached to this appeal.

Return form with attached documentation to: Student Financial Aid Office
Belmont Technical College
120 Fox-Shannon Place
St. Clairsville, OH 43950

Student Certification Statement

I certify that all information and documentation that I have provided to this appeal is true and complete.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Please allow 2 to 4 weeks processing time once all documentation is received.

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Decision: **Accepted** **Denied** **Revised EFC** _____

FA Signature _____ **Date** _____