



**Independent – Special Circumstances
2009-2010 Worksheet**

Student Name: _____ HSU ID Number: _____
(please print) Last First MI

Instructions: You indicated on the 2009-2010 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) that you meet one of the following criteria for independence. **You must provide documentation.** Please complete this form, attach the appropriate documentation, sign the certification and return the form to the Financial Aid Office as soon as possible.

1. Are both of your parents deceased? ___ Yes ___ No

If you have a living adoptive parent, and you were adopted before the age of 13, you should answer "No" to this question. You are not considered an orphan for financial aid purposes and you must provide income and household information for your adoptive parent.

If both parents are deceased and you do not have an adoptive parent, you must attach a copy of your parents' death certificates. If you are unable to provide death certificates, please explain your circumstances:

2. At any time when you were age 13 or older, were you in foster care, or were you a dependent/ward of the court? (A student is not considered a ward of the court based on being incarcerated.)

___ Yes* ___ No

3. As of today, are you an emancipated minor or in a legal guardianship?

___ Yes* ___ No

4. At any time on or after July 1, 2008

- a. Did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless, OR
- b. Did the director of an emergency shelter program funded by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless, OR
- c. Did the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?

___ Yes* ___ No

***You must attach documentation**, such as court documents, or supporting statements from a social worker. Financial aid cannot be finalized until all requested documents have been received and reviewed.

If you are unable to answer YES to any of these questions, you must provide parent data. Please contact our office for assistance. An appointment with a counselor may be necessary to discuss your concerns.

Certification: I certify that the above information is true and complete. I have attached the required documentation to this form.

Student Signature Date

California Chafee Grant Program offers free aid to foster children at: <http://www.chafee.csac.ca.gov/>

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