



## REQUEST FOR INDEPENDENCE REVIEW 2011-2012

Finger Lakes Community College understands that, under certain conditions, students not meeting the federal definition for independence, may be independent. This form will help us to evaluate your situation. Complete the back of this form and indicate why you should file as an independent student. Students who use this form to request an independence override **must supply complete documentation before the review can be held.**

### **Required Documentation**

At least ONE letter from a third party professional (counselor, teacher, attorney, etc.) on official letterhead.

- Must be familiar with your situation
- Must explain your situation in detail
- Must be on official letterhead
- State the reason for the **unusual** circumstance

### **AND**

At least TWO letters from individuals who know your situation.

- Must be familiar with your situation
- Must explain your situation in detail
- State the reason for the **unusual** circumstance
- State their relationship to you in a signed letter

**Documentation of the circumstances involved is required and must be attached to this request.**

### **Please note:**

*The fact that a student is supporting themselves alone is not grounds for an independence override. A student must be able to provide documentation showing unusual circumstances.*

NAME

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER or STUDENT ID

ADDRESS

TELEPHONE

Please write a statement explaining why you should be allowed to file as an independent student. Make sure to include the date you left your parents' home, reason why you left, how you have been supporting yourself since leaving and how you plan to support yourself while attending Finger Lakes Community College.

Lined area for writing the statement.

I attest that the statement and documents attached to this form are the truth.

SIGNATURE

DATE

Return to:
Financial Aid Office
Finger Lakes Community College
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Canandaigua, NY 14424
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