INDEPENDENT STUDENT APPEAL FORM 2016-2017

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### The following circumstances will not qualify a student to be deemed independent:
- Parents refusing to contribute to the student's education
- Parents not claiming the student as a dependent for income tax purposes
- Student demonstrating total self-sufficiency

### The following two items are required with this appeal form:
1. A SIGNED, detailed explanation of why you should be deemed independent for the 2016-2017 year.
2. Official third-party documentation supporting your circumstances. This documentation is required to verify your independence. We cannot review any appeal until this documentation is received by our office. (Official third-party documentation include: a letter from clergy, police, court, high school guidance counselor or other professional person who knows and has documentation of your circumstance(s)).

### There are certain criteria for which you can be deemed an independent student.

**If you meet any of the following, you do NOT need to fill out this form:**
- You were born before January 1, 1993
- As of today, you are married (answer “yes” if you are separated, but not divorced)
- At the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year you will be working on a master's or doctorate program (such as MA, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, EdD or graduate certificate, etc.)
- You are currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed forces for purposes other than training
- You are a veteran of the US Armed Forces
- You have children who will receive more than half of their support from you between 7/01/16-6/30/2017
- You have dependents (other than children or spouse) who live with you and will receive more than half of their support from you, now through June 30, 2017

### Additional information may be required if any of the following circumstances exist:
- At any time since you turned age 13, both your parents were deceased, you were in foster care or you were a dependent or ward of the court
- As of today, you are an emancipated minor as determined by a court in your state of legal residency
- Someone other than your parent or stepparent have legal guardianship of you, as determined by a court in your state of legal residence
- At any time on or after July 1, 2015, your high school or school district homeless liaison determined that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless
- At any time on or after July 1, 2015, the director of an emergency shelter program funded by the US Department of housing and Urban Development determined you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless
- At any time on or after July 1, 2015, the director of runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program determined you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless

It is important to realize that a student who is declared independent as a result of an appeal would be considered independent by professional judgment. Therefore, approval must be granted by the PSU Financial Aid Team annually on your FAFSA Form. Have already filed the 2016-2017 FAFSA? [ ] Yes [ ] No

When?

I hereby certify that the information on this form, as well as the information I am including with this form, is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. **WARNING:** If you purposely give false or misleading information, you may be fined up to $20,000, sent to prison, or both.

Student Signature __________________________ Date ____________

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