You are requesting special consideration for independent status in determining your financial aid eligibility. Although you do not meet the Federal requirements to be considered an independent student, you believe your particular circumstances warrant our review. This form must be fully completed to initiate a review of your dependency status. All information submitted will be held in strict confidence.

**You must request a witness familiar with your family circumstances and your living arrangements to assist you in completing this form. The witness must be your teacher, minister, lawyer, physician, counselor, or other professional person who can verify your circumstances upon which this appeal is based.**

This appeal is appropriate only for those applicants whose family disintegration was caused by unusual circumstances beyond the applicant’s control.

**SECTION ONE**

In presenting your need, it is your responsibility to explain why and how your family relationship has disintegrated. Be specific and include dates of events and circumstances. Also, include in this narrative your present living arrangements. It is appropriate to include documentation to substantiate your appeal. Such documentation can include statements from child and family service agencies, law enforcement agencies, records of court hearings and judgment, statements from mental health center personnel, high school counselors, etc.

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I affirm the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I grant the witness signing this form permission to respond to inquiries concerning my circumstances.

Student Signature  Date
SECTION TWO

WITNESS STATEMENT

Explain why you feel this student should be considered independent. You may attach documentation that you feel supports this appeal.

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I am familiar with the above-named student’s family circumstances. I affirm the information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I agree to respond to inquiries from the John A. Logan College Financial Aid Office concerning this student’s circumstances.

Signature of Witness: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________
Printed/Typed Name of Witness: ___________________________ Position: ___________________________
Address of Witness: ___________________________ Phone Number of Witness: ___________

After completing this form, submit all documents to the Financial Aid Office for consideration. You will be notified in writing.

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Action on Appeal: Approval or Denial

Financial Aid Officer Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________

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