



## REQUEST FOR INDEPENDENCE REVIEW 2020-2021

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 considered.**

### **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
- Must explain why you are unable to live at home

### **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
- Must explain why you are unable to live at home

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

### **Important!**

*A student must be able to provide documentation showing unusual circumstances as to why they are unable to live at home. Financially self-supporting, living alone, or no longer claimed on a parent's tax return are not grounds for an independence override.*

**Nondiscrimination Notice:** Finger Lakes Community College does not discriminate based on an individual's race, color, national origin, religion, creed, age, disability, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, familial status, pregnancy, predisposing genetic characteristics, military status, domestic violence victim status, or criminal conviction.

**REQUEST FOR INDEPENDENCE REVIEW  
2020-2021**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student ID

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email

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.

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

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STUDENT SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

*Without this requested information, we will be unable to process your financial aid for the upcoming academic year.*

**WARNING: If you purposely give false or misleading information on this form, you may be fined, be sentenced to jail, or both.**

Mail to: Financial Aid Office · 3325 Marvin Sands Drive · Canandaigua, NY 14424  
Fax: 585-394-0635 Email: aid@flcc.edu  
If submitting in person, please go to the One Stop Center.