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## GREEN RIVER COLLEGE

### 2019-2020 DEPENDENCY STATUS APPEAL FORM

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ SSN or WASPA ID \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID # \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Students under the age of 24 who do not meet any of the qualifications to be considered independent on the FAFSA must provide parental information. If you have unusual circumstances, you may apply for a dependency override to be reviewed. A dependency override will NOT be approved for the following reasons: parental refusal, student no longer claimed on parental taxes, or student is self-supporting.

To request a financial aid dependency override, carefully complete all pages of this appeal form; do not leave blank pages. Please complete the following steps:

1. Complete your 2019/20 FAFSA and submit without parental data.
2. Include with your appeal a detailed explanation:
  - Specific circumstances regarding your inability to provide parental information
  - Location of both of your biological parents
  - Last date you had an interaction with each of them
  - Current housing status (living on own, living with family or friend, couch surfing, homeless, on-campus housing, etc.)
3. Complete the Independent Verification Worksheet and provide required tax documents.
4. Provide a supporting statement from an adult familiar with your situation (teacher, counselor, medical authority, member of the clergy, prison administrator, government agency, or court).
5. **Make an appointment to see the Director of Financial Aid** when your appeal form has been completed. Bring all supporting documentation with you to the appointment.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Financial Aid Use Only:

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### Approved / Denied

Reasons:

Updated FAFSA \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

## **APPEAL FORM**

**Academic Year** \_\_\_\_\_

### **STUDENT STATEMENT**

Include with your appeal a detailed explanation:

- Specific circumstances regarding your inability to provide parental information
- Location of both of your biological parents
- Last date you had an interaction with each of them
- Current housing status (living on own, living with family or friend, couch surfing, homeless, on-campus housing, etc.)

You may type this response on a separate page if you wish.

## Supporting Statement

Provide a supporting statement from an adult familiar with your situation (teacher, counselor, medical authority, member of the clergy, prison administrator, government agency, or court). You may attach a letter or documentation.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



## 2019-2020 INDEPENDENT VERIFICATION WORKSHEET

Your application was selected for review in a process called "Verification." The U.S. Department of Education requires we, the Financial Aid Office, check the accuracy of the information you provided on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) under 34 CFR, Part 668. Please complete and return to the Financial Aid Office as soon as possible to avoid any delay of your financial aid award. Attach all appropriate documentation as needed. We will review the information on these documents and make corrections to FAFSA if necessary.

### A: Student Information

|                |            |               |   |                   |
|----------------|------------|---------------|---|-------------------|
| Last Name      | First Name | M.I.          | Social Security Number or WASFA ID Number | Student ID Number |
| ( )            |            |               |   |                   |
| Phone Number   |            | Email Address |   |                   |
| Street Address |            | City          | State                                     | Zip               |

### B: Household Information

**List yourself first, then all other household members.**  
**Also, write the college name for any household member that will be attending an eligible postsecondary education institution at least a half-time in the 2019-2020 award year, 7/1/2019-6/30/2020. (Continue on a separate page if needed)**

| Full Name | Age | Relationship | College                    | Will be attending at least a half-time (Yes or No)       |
|-----------|-----|--------------|----------------------------|--|
|           |     | <i>Self</i>  | <i>Green River College</i> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
|           |     |              |                            | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
|           |     |              |                            | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
|           |     |              |                            | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |
|           |     |              |                            | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |

### C: High School Completion Status (check only one box)

|                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | High School Diploma  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | GED®   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Home School Graduate - Attached is a transcript signed by my parent or guardian listing the secondary courses completed and documenting the successful completion of secondary school. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | No High School Diploma or GED®   |

### 2017 IRS Tax Return Transcript and IRS Form W-2 may be obtained through:

- **Get Transcript by MAIL:** <https://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript>, delivered 10 business days from receipt of request.
- **Get Transcript by Online:** <https://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript>, immediate delivery (PDF file)
- **Automated Phone:** 1(800)908-9946, delivered 10 business days from receipt of request. (IRS Form W-2 not available)
- **Paper Request Form:** IRS form [4506T-EZ](#) or [4506-T](#), delivered within 10 business days from receipt of request.

### 2017 IRS Verification of Non-filing Letter may be obtained through:

- **Paper Request Form:** IRS form [4506-T](#), delivered within 10 business days from receipt of request.

If you and your spouse filed *separate* 2017 IRS Income Tax Returns, the IRS DRT cannot be used and the 2017 IRS Tax Return Transcript(s) must be provided for each.

## D: Tax and Income Information

### IRS TAX FILER

- I used the IRS Data Retrieval Tool in FAFSA on the Web to transfer 2017 IRS Income Tax Return information into my FAFSA, **and the GRC Financial Aid Office did not request my 2017 IRS Tax Return Transcript.**
- I have **attached a signed copy of my 2017 Income Tax Return.**
- I have **attached my 2017 IRS Tax Return Transcript.**
- I filed an amended 2017 Tax Return; I am attaching my 2017 IRS Tax Return Transcript and signed 1040X copy.

### TAX FILER *who filed NON-IRS Tax Return*

- I filed an income tax return with **Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.** I am attaching a signed copy of my income tax return that was filed with the relevant tax authority.
- I filed an income tax return with the tax authority for **American Samoa.** I am attaching a copy of my tax account information.
- I filed an income tax return with tax authorities **not mentioned above, i.e. a foreign tax authority.** I am attaching a signed copy of my Tax Account information that was filed with the relevant authority. (If you are unable to obtain the tax account information free of charge, please provide documentation that the tax authority charges a fee to obtain that information, along with a **signed copy of your income tax return** that was filed with the relevant tax authority.)

### NON-TAX FILER

- I was **not employed** and had no income earned from work in 2017. I did not file a tax return for 2017. **I am attaching my Verification of Nonfiling Letter from the IRS (instructions on page 1)** or other relevant taxing authority dated on or after October 1, 2018.

- I was **employed** in 2017 and I **did not file a 2017 Tax Return** as I am not required to file a Tax Return under IRS or other relevant taxing authority rules. If you choose this option, **please complete all of the following:**

1. List your employers and income earned, even if the employer did not issue an IRS W-2 form.
2. Attach a copy of your **IRS Form W-2** showing each source of 2017 employment or an equivalent document.
3. Attach your **Verification of Non-filing Letter from the IRS** dated on or after October 1, 2018.

| Employer's Name                         | IRS W-2 or an equivalent document provided? | Annual Amount Earned in 2017 |
|---|---|------------------------------|
| (Example) ABC's Auto Body Shop          | Yes   | \$4,500.00                   |
|   |   |                              |
|   |   |                              |
|   |   |                              |
| Total Amount of Income Earned From Work |   | \$                           |

## E: Other Income and Resources Information

If **no income was reported**, please explain how basic living expenses were covered. **This may include items** such as federal veterans' education benefits, military housing, SNAP, TANF, child support received, untaxed benefits, retirement plans etc.

## F: Certification and Signature

I certify that the information provided in this application and other financial aid documents is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that purposely giving false or misleading information may result in fines, imprisonment, or both.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_