

FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

## 2005-2006 REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF DEPENDENCY STATUS

A student is considered a "dependent" student and must provide parental information unless the student meets one of the following conditions:

- was born **before** January 1, 1982
- is an orphan or ward/dependent of the court or was a ward of the court until age 18
- is a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces
- will be working on a degree beyond a bachelor's degree in 2005-2006
- is married
- has legal dependents other than a spouse

OR

- is a student for whom a financial aid administrator makes a documented determination of independence by reason of other unusual circumstances.

### Unusual Circumstances

SBVC may be able to change your dependency status if unusual circumstances exist **that make it impossible for you to have contact with your parents**. Examples of unusual circumstances are:

- a parent is in prison or is hospitalized;
- you have been physically, sexually, or mentally abused by one or both parents;
- you moved out of your parent's home when you were under 18 years of age

If your family situation involves an unusual circumstance such as those described above, you may request a review of your dependency status. All requests will be reviewed by the Financial Aid Committee, but not all requests are granted.

Note: Being considered independent does not automatically make you more eligible for financial aid. You may actually have more financial aid eligibility as a dependent student.

### Required Documentation

In order for the Financial Aid Office to consider your request to review your dependency status, we need additional information and documentation of your family circumstances. You must complete ALL of the attached forms. **Do not leave any question blank**. If any part of any form is left blank it will not be accepted.

- A personal statement of explanation (be specific), **and**
- Completion of "Student's Statement of Information", **and**
- Completion of two (2) "Affidavit In Lieu Of Parent's Information" from a third party such as: clergy, teachers, counselors, or social workers who can verify your situation. ***Affidavits from relatives, other students and/or friends are not considered an independent third party and will not be accepted.***

**SUBMIT ALL FORMS AND DOCUMENTS TO  
THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE**

