



INDEPENDENT WITH CHILD APPEAL

2008 - 2009

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This is a worksheet for students who are considered independent based solely on having a dependent. Please note that if you do not provide all the requested documentation, the Office of Financial Aid will consider you dependent for financial aid purposes and will calculate your eligibility using your parent's income information.

You indicated on the FAFSA that you are under the age of twenty-four and have a dependent other than a spouse. A dependent is a person for whom you will provide *more than half* of the total support between 7/1/08 and 6/30/09. It is a policy of the Office of Financial Aid to review your income information to determine whether or not you provide more than half of the support for you **and** your children based on Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines.

Instructions:

Follow the directions and submit all required documentation. If you feel this worksheet does not adequately address your circumstances, please contact our office at (574) 520-4357. **Please print information.**

Student Name: _____ **University ID Number:** _____

If you have more than one dependent, please provide information for each child. If you have more than two children, list name(s) and date(s) of birth on the back of this form

1st Child's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

2nd Child's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

- My child is not yet born. In addition to the documentation listed below, you must provide a signed letter from your doctor confirming your pregnancy and providing an anticipated birth date. You must provide a copy of the birth certificate after the child's birth (an unofficial copy from the hospital is sufficient).

PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION-ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

- A 2008-2009 IU South Bend Application for Financial Aid must be on file in our office before this appeal will be reviewed.
- A copy of each child's birth certificate
- A copy of your lease agreement or mortgage. If you do not have one, explain your living/housing arrangement in the Explanation Section on the back of this form.
- A signed copy of your 2007 IRS federal tax return, **including all schedules and W-2s**
- Who will claim your child on 2008 federal taxes? _____
- Who will provide more than half of your child's support? _____
- Who does the child/children currently live with? _____
- If you will receive monetary assistance from other sources, report the source and amounts. *Other assistance includes expenses paid on your behalf such as any bill in your name but paid by another person or agency; e.g., child's other parent, your parents.*
- If you currently receive AFDC/TANF, attach documentation from the welfare office indicating when benefits began.
- If you currently receive any public assistance other than AFDC/TANF, explain the type and amounts of assistance and attach documentation from the awarding agencies (e.g., housing assistance through HUD, childcare assistance through Workforce Development, WIC, food stamps).
- If you are employed, provide verification of your employment on employer letterhead. Include hours worked per week and hourly rate of pay. **If you are not currently employed, explain on page two.**

