

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)

## 2014-2015 Request for Independency

When you completed the 2014-2015 FAFSA, you answered questions that suggest you may be considered independent for financial aid purposes. ***Note that a student under the age of 24, even if living apart from parents, is considered dependent for federal aid, and parental income and asset information must be included on the FAFSA.*** However, in unusual circumstances, Roberts Wesleyan College's financial aid administrator may consider an independency override in documented special situations. To determine your eligibility for independent status, Roberts Wesleyan College requires you to provide proof that you meet the eligibility requirements for independent status for the following situations:

*(Check the situation that applies to you)*

- At any time since you turned age 13, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care or were you a dependent or ward of the court?

Provide documentation from a reliable source such as a court document. If a court document is not available, provide certification from a school official, clergy member, or health official who is familiar with your circumstance.

- As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you in legal guardianship?

Provide a copy of a court's decision evidencing a legal guardianship. The court must be located in your state of legal residence at the time the court's decision was issued.

- At any time on or after July 1, 2013, did your high school or school district homeless liaison, OR the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, OR the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?

Provide documentation from an appropriate authority (school district liaison, director of an emergency shelter, transitional living program, or homeless youth basic center) certifying that you are an unaccompanied youth who is homeless or (if applicable) at risk of being homeless

- On or after July 1, 2013, were you not living in the physical custody of your parent or legal guardian and no longer have a relationship with your parent(s)?

- Did you report that you have Special Circumstances on your FAFSA, are unable to provide parental information, and request a Dependency Override?

Under Federal law, only the school financial aid administrator has the authority to decide whether or not you must provide parental information on your FAFSA. You will have to provide documentation to verify your situation. **Roberts Wesleyan College requires written documentation from TWO reliable sources who are familiar with your situation.** Sources may include court or law enforcement documents, a letter from a clergy member, school counselor or social worker, and/or other relevant data from a reliable source that explains your special circumstance (other than a family member). After reviewing your circumstances carefully, the Roberts Wesleyan College financial aid administrator will decide if you can proceed without parental data. The financial aid administrator's decision is final and can not be appealed to the Department of Education Federal Student Aid.

*Note: choosing to live independently from your parents is not sufficient reason to be considered independent for federal aid purposes.*

### CERTIFICATION: MUST BE SIGNED TO BE CONSIDERED.

**By signing below I affirm that the statements contained on this form are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I am attaching documentation to substantiate the information provided.**

STUDENT SIGNATURE

DATE