

**2017-18 DEPENDENCY STATUS WORKSHEET**

This worksheet is to help you determine if you meet the criteria to be classified as NU-Independent by Northwestern University for purposes of receiving School and University funds (e.g., grants, scholarships, and need-based University Loans). You will be classified as NU-Dependent unless you meet the criteria listed below. Please note: If your parent provides data on the Profile or University Aid Application, you will be considered NU-Dependent for the purposes of institutional assistance. Your dependency status does not change after you have matriculated, even if you get married or your parents are unable to provide the contribution we determine. Please contact a financial aid advisor if you have questions regarding your dependency status.

**Do You Meet the NU-Independent Status Criteria?**

**You must have been entirely *self-supporting by employment* for at least 30 months prior to matriculation at Northwestern University to be classified NU-Independent.**

- Self-support typically requires gross earnings of at least \$2,200/month if you are single or \$3,500/month if you are married.
  - Self-support CANNOT include earnings from investments, trust funds, or any other assets.
  - The \$2,200/month figure may vary slightly depending on the cost-of-living of the area in which you live.
- The 30 months of self-support do not need to be consecutive, nor do they need to be the 30 months immediately prior to matriculation.
- Periods of employment during your undergraduate education (including summer employment) may not be counted toward the 30 months of self-support.

☞ *If you do not satisfy the above criteria, you are **NU-Dependent**. You do not need to submit this worksheet.*

☞ *If you believe you satisfy the above criteria, your request for NU-Independent status begins with this worksheet.*

**How to Appeal for NU-Independent Status**

**You must submit this form to our office along with ALL THREE of the following items. If any of the following information is missing, your appeal will not be processed.**

- A copy of your current resume.
- For all periods of self-support, a statement listing any of the following information **not** contained in your resume:
  - Period of employment
  - Employer name and address (*provide at least city and state*)
  - Starting and ending gross monthly salaries
  - Reason for leaving position
  - Your home address during each period of employment
- A signed federal tax return for EACH of the years you are claiming self-support status.  
Note: If your tax return is an international return, please provide a conversion to US dollars for each return
- A copy of your W-2 form (if you worked in the US) for EACH of the years you are claiming self-support status.

**STUDENT CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE:**

I certify that the information provided on this form and on the attached documents is true and complete.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree Program: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: (please print): \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_

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Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date reviewed: \_\_\_\_\_