



Financial Aid Office

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2020 – 2021 REQUEST FOR DEPENDENCY OVERRIDE

Student Information

Name: _____ CWID: _____

Have you ever received a Dependency Override before? _____ YES _____ NO

If so, where and when? _____

If you believe you have unusual circumstances that may impact your dependency status for the 2020-2021 academic year, you may request a review of your dependency status by submitting this form along with supporting documentation. Please fill out the form completely and submit with the documentation requested on page 2 to the Financial Aid Office. Your Financial Aid Advisor will review your case, make a determination, and advise you as soon as possible.

Please note that per federal regulations, NONE of the conditions listed below, singly or in combination, qualify as unusual circumstances or merit a dependency override:

- Parents refuse to contribute to student's education;
Parents are unwilling to provide information on the application or for verification;
Parents do not claim the student as dependent for income tax purposes;
Student demonstrates total self-sufficiency

PLEASE NOTE: Dependency status must be re-certified every year and if you transfer from, or to another school.

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Office use only:

Aid Year: _____ Campus: _____ Date: _____ RRAAREQ Code: DO Status Code: _____ Initials: _____

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Required Documentation:

A. A personal typed letter from YOU explaining your request for a dependency override.

Provide as much detail as possible describing your separation from your parents. The following information is **required**:

- Include the last contact you had with each parent and the frequency of contact with each parent over the past year.
- Explain why you cannot provide parental financial information on the 2020-2021 FAFSA
- Describe your living arrangements over the past several years, including with whom you resided and who has provided support to you.

B. Letters from two (2) individuals who can attest to your situation.

The letters should provide as much detail as possible describing your separation from your parents. Stating that you live on your own and support yourself is not grounds for a Dependency Override. We need information pertaining to your relationship/separation with your parents.

- Each letter must include the individual's name, title or position, address and signature.
- One letter must be from a professional individual and must be on letterhead. This person **cannot be related to you or living at the same address** - guidance counselor, social worker, teacher, doctor, family counselor, clergy, police, etc.
- The second letter can be from somebody who can verify your situation as described above. This person **cannot be related to you or living at the same address**. – friend's mother, etc.

These individuals cannot be related to each other **AND** must reside at separate addresses.

C. An Independent Verification Worksheet. See page 3.

D. A copy of your 2018 Tax Return Transcript (NOT the tax return). If you did not file, you **must** submit Verification of Non-Filing Letter from the IRS and other documentation, such as W-2s, copy of recent paycheck stubs, a detailed statement of income earned and support provided to you by others, government assistance received such as Worker's Compensation, Social Security Benefits, TANF, etc.

E. We must have a valid Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on file. The FAFSA does allow students to file and indicate that they cannot provide parental data.

Student Certification:

I certify that all information submitted on and with this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I agree to provide additional information or documentation if requested.

Student Signature

Date