

2027/2028 Dependency Override Request

Student Name: _____

Student ID: _____

Dependency overrides are intended for students who can prove and fully document unusual circumstances. We cannot approve requests for students whose sole reason for the request is because their parents are unwilling to provide parental information, or unwilling to provide financial assistance, or for students who have chosen to live on their own.

The Department of Education determines a student's status as dependent or independent by the answers the student provides on the seven questions listed in Step Three of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students are classified as dependent or independent because federal student aid programs are based on the principle that students (and their parent or spouse, if applicable) are considered the primary source of support for postsecondary education.

Examples of unusual circumstances include:

- A student's voluntary or involuntary removal from their parent(s) home due to an extreme situation that threatened the student's health and/or safety and, due to these conditions, parent support was terminated.
- Incapacity of parent(s) such as incarceration, mental or physical illness, or the inability of the applicant to locate the parent(s).
- Other extenuating circumstances that can be sufficiently documented.

In recent years, the U.S. Department of Education has identified four conditions that, individually or in combination with one another, do not qualify as "unusual circumstances" or that do not merit a dependency override. Those circumstances are:

- Parents' unwillingness or inability to contribute to the student's education.
- Parents' unwillingness to provide information on the application or for verification.
- Parents not claiming the student as a dependent for income tax purposes.
- Student can demonstrate total self-sufficiency.

In addition to completing the questions below, you will be required to upload the following supporting documentation:

- V1 Independent Verification Worksheet and federal tax information.
- A letter summarizing your situation and outlining the circumstances that you believe make you independent. Be sure to indicate how you provide for yourself.
- Two letters from a third party verifying your circumstances;
 - One must be from a professional (clergy member, guidance counselor, teacher, professor, doctor, family counselor, mental health professional, law enforcement officer, etc.)
 - The other letter can be from a professional or non-professional individual.

Complete all the questions below:

What are your present living arrangements?

When did you last live with your parent(s)?

When did your parent(s) last provide any monetary support for you?

When did you last have contact with your parent(s)?

How often do you have contact with your parent(s)?

How do you support yourself and meet your living expenses?

Are you covered by your parent(s) medical insurance?

Are you covered by your parent(s) car insurance?

Do you own your own vehicle?

Are all utilities (such as electricity, gas, telephone, cable) in your name? Yes ☐ No ☐

List any cash support received from people other than your parents (includes amounts paid by others for bills in your name):

By signing this form, I certify that all the information reported on this form is complete and correct.

Student Signature:

Date:

WARNING: If you purposely give false or misleading information on this worksheet, you may be fined, be sentenced to jail, or both.