

2019-2020 Petition for Dependency Status Override

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I am petitioning the Financial Aid Office to change my status from dependent to independent and waive parent information.

By FEDERAL LAW the following conditions are NOT ACCEPTABLE for consideration for a Dependency Status Override:

1. Parents are unwilling to provide information on the FAFSA or provide documentation for verification information.
2. Parents refuse to contribute to child's education.
3. Student demonstrates self-sufficiency and/or is living on one's own.

THE STUDENT MUST COMPLETE AND SUBMIT this signed document, along with the Requested Documentation as detailed below:

- ☐ **Your custodial parent has died and the other natural parent is still living.** You however, have neither had contact with nor received any financial support from the living parent for a significant period of time.

Requested Documentation:

- Letter from you explaining the estrangement situation with your parents in detail.
- A copy of the death certificate for the deceased custodial parent.
- A letter or statement from an objective third party (legal counsel, counselor, clergy) which supports your claim that you have neither lived with nor received financial support from the non-custodial parent for a significant period of time.

- ☐ **Your family situation is unsafe.** This is the result of physical abuse, emotional abuse, or substance abuse.

Requested Documentation:

- Letter from you explaining the unusual circumstance or situation in detail.
- Two letters (on official letterhead) explaining the situation in detail from separate objective third-party *individuals* such as a minister, social worker, psychologist, high school counselor, teacher, doctor, lawyer, or another counseling profession.

- ☐ **Other. You were previously married and now are divorced/widowed, you are estranged from parents, etc.**

Requested Documentation:

- Letter explaining why you believe you should be considered independent.
- Supporting documentation such as copy of divorce decree, death certificate, or letters (min. of 2) from third party individuals.
- Must show self-sufficiency (income, bills, etc.).

I certify that all of the information stated in the letters attached concerning my request for a status change from dependent to independent is true and complete.

Student Signature

Date

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☐ Approved _____

☐ Pending/Denied _____

Financial Aid Administrator

Date