

Please carefully read the following information before completing page 2.

Financial aid regulations maintain that the family (student and parents) must assume the primary responsibility for meeting the student's educational costs of attending college. Therefore, parental information is normally required to determine a student's eligibility for federal financial assistance.

The Department of Education has specifically stated that the following four conditions "individually or in combination with one another, do not qualify as unusual circumstances and therefore would not merit a dependency override":

1. Parents refuse to contribute to the student's education expenses.
2. Parents unwilling to provide information for the FAFSA form.
3. Parents not claiming the students as a dependent for income tax purposes.
4. Student demonstrating total self-sufficiency.

Only in **extremely unusual documented** situations can parental information be waived, such as in cases where the student has been forced from the family home because of parental abuse (physical or mental), incarceration, estrangement, abandonment, drug/alcohol abuse, mental incapacity or another such situation beyond the student's control. In cases such as these, the likelihood that the student would return to the parent(s) household and/or rely upon the parents for financial support would be very low.

Additionally, the Department of Education also recognizes human trafficking and Refugee or asylee status as conditions which also could lead to a change in a student's dependency status.

Carefully review page 2 for the required documentation to be submitted for consideration of a Dependency Override. If for any reason you cannot provide all requested documentation, it is necessary to explain in detail the reason(s).

For additional information, you may contact your campus Financial Aid Office. **Return this completed request form with required documentation to your home campus.**

Completion of page 2 is required.

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2025-2026 Request for Dependency Override

Instructions: Complete this form and return to your home campus with all required documentation. You will receive a response to your request within three (3) weeks of the date of receipt. **Consideration of your request will be delayed if all requested documentation is not attached.**

Name	Student ID
Street Address	Phone
City, State, ZIP	Email

- 1. File your 2025-2026 FAFSA online indicating you have unusual circumstances.** You will be given a “Provisionally Independent” status and told to contact your school’s financial aid office to provide documentation to verify your circumstances.
- 2. Submit a signed personal statement which includes the following information:**
 - The specific reason(s) you cannot obtain your parental income information when completing the 2025-2026 FAFSA.
 - The event(s) leading up to your separation from your parents, including the date of separation. Describe the current status of your relationship with your parents including your last date of contact. **You must include information about both parents, even if they were not married at the date of your separation.**
 - An explanation of your living arrangements and means of financial support from the date of separation up to the present time.
 - If supported by another individual since the date of separation from your parents, identify the individual(s), describe the nature of that support, and state the period of time supported.
- 3. Submit supporting documentation:**
 - **Notarized statements** from two adult sources that are intimately familiar with and can provide additional insights into your family situation. At least one statement should be from a professional, i.e., guidance counselor, attorney, doctor, clergy member, mental health professional, law enforcement official, etc. The letter from the professional does not need to be notarized if it is on official letterhead.
 - Proof of income for 2023, i.e., copy of signed federal tax return or IRS transcript, copy of W-2 statements, untaxed income/benefits (unless solely supported by another individual).
- 4. Certification:** I certify that all information I have provided is true and accurate. I understand that providing false or deliberately misleading statements is a violation of federal law and may result in a prison sentence, fines, or both.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

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