

2014-2015 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:

<input type="checkbox"/> 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. <u>Requested Documentation:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<input type="checkbox"/> Your family situation is unsafe. This is the result of physical abuse, emotional abuse, or substance abuse. <u>Requested Documentation:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <i>individuals</i> such as a minister, social worker, psychologist, high school counselor, teacher, doctor, lawyer, or another counseling profession.
<input type="checkbox"/> Other. You were previously married and now are divorced/widowed, you are estranged from parents, etc. <u>Requested Documentation:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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