



2022-2023 Request for Dependency Override Information

In 2022-2023 the U.S. Department of Education, Federal Student Aid Programs, defines an independent student as:

- **24 years of age or older by January 1, 2022;**
- **Married, separated, not divorced.**
- **Having children who receive more than half of their support from you.**
- **Having other dependents (other than children or spouse) who live with you and receive more than half of their support from you.**
- **Currently serving on active duty in the U.S. armed forces for purposes other than training.**
- **A veteran of the U.S. armed forces.**
- **Determined to be dependent upon the court since the age of 13, with both of your parents deceased, assigned to foster care or as a ward of the court.**
- **An emancipated minor or in a legal guardianship as determined by the court.**
- **An unaccompanied youth, homeless or self-supporting and at risk for being homeless.**

Circumstances that **do not** merit a dependency override are:

1. Parents refusing to contribute to the student's education;
2. Parents unwilling to provide information on the application or for verification;
3. Parents not claiming the student as a dependent for income tax purposes;
4. A choice made by the student to move out of his/her parent's home and be financially independent.

Making Dependency Override Decisions

The Director of Financial Aid has the ability to make a documented determination of independence based upon "other unusual circumstances."

Dependency overrides are permitted in truly exceptional circumstances and consideration of individual cases. These practices include, for example, making dependency overrides in situations when a student's parent cannot be located, or where an otherwise dependent student has been a victim of domestic violence and is no longer residing with their parents.

Acceptable documentation needed to submit with your Dependency Override Appeal Form

1. Letter from student regarding request for Dependency Override.
2. Two letters on letterhead from professional source, i.e. pastor, social worker, or teacher.

2022-2023 DEPENDENCY OVERRIDE REQUEST FORM

Name: _____ SPCC ID#: _____

Federal law assumes that the family has the primary responsibility for meeting the educational cost of students. Therefore, a student must meet certain federal criteria to qualify for financial aid as an independent student. If you do not meet one of the criteria listed on the FAFSA, you will be evaluated as a dependent student, meaning that your parents must provide income and asset information. If there are extraordinary circumstances that may warrant reevaluation of your dependency status, provide the following information so that your financial aid administrator may make this determination. You may be asked for additional documentation depending on your individual situation.

Attach the following information to this form:

A. Letter from you explaining: (1) the nature of your relationship with your parents; (2) the location of both parents and when you last had contact with them; (3) why you cannot obtain information and/or support from your parents; and (4) how you have been supporting yourself.

B. Two letters on letterhead from responsible adults who are aware of your situation and can verify the facts you present in your letter.

C. A Copy of your most recent federal tax return(s)/transcripts (2021 or 2022), and answer the following:

1. Are you living at home with your parents? YES NO
2. Did your parents claim you on their federal tax return for 2021? YES NO
3. Will your parents claim you on their federal tax return for 2022? YES NO

Please complete the following statement of your annual calendar year income and expenses:

INCOME (if any amounts are zero, please explain on a separate sheet)	2021/2022	2022/2023
Earned income (e.g., wages, salaries, tips, work-study earnings)	\$	\$
Financial support received from parents	\$	\$
Monetary value of other support (e.g., health insurance, room & board) received from parents	\$	\$
Monetary value of other support (e.g., room & board) from persons other than parents (indicate individual's name and relationship to student)	\$	\$
Relationship: Individual's Name & relationship to you		
Amount of other annual income (indicate source)	\$	\$
TOTAL	\$	\$
EXPENSES (if any amounts are zero, please explain on a separate sheet)	2021/2022	2022/2023
Housing	\$	\$
Food	\$	\$
Transportation (e.g., car payment, insurance, gas, maintenance)	\$	\$
Utilities	\$	\$
Child care and/or dependent care	\$	\$
Personal (e.g., clothing, entertainment)	\$	\$
Other (indicate source)	\$	\$
TOTAL	\$	\$

(Other documents needed to support request: rent/lease agreements, rent receipts, utility receipts, and any other documents to support self-sufficiency.)

I certify that the information above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I agree to give proof of the information that I have given above. I also realize that if I do not give such proof, my request will be denied, and parental data will be used for my aid application.

Student's Signature _____

Date _____