



2016–2017 Dependency Override Form

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Student ID#		<i>The FAFSA information provided has determined that you need to report your parent's information, but you have indicated an unusual circumstance and you cannot provide it. All information remains confidential. Please read and follow the directions below. A decision will be available on your Pipeline account.</i>								
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Last Name: _____										
First Name: _____										

Financial Aid regulations assume that the family has primary responsibility for meeting the educational costs of students. You are considered a dependent student according to the financial aid definition and your aid eligibility is determined by using parent income and asset information in addition to your information. **Dependent students are required by law to provide parental information and signatures to be considered for financial aid.**

The U.S. government has identified five conditions that, individually or in combination with one another, do NOT qualify as “unusual circumstances” for a dependency override. Those circumstances that are **not** considered a basis for an appeal are:

- Parent(s) unwilling to provide information on the FAFSA or for verification
- Parent(s) not claiming student as a dependent on their tax return
- Student is not being supported by parents and is completely self-supporting
- Parent(s) refuse to contribute to the student's education
- Parent(s) live in a foreign country

Occasionally, students should be considered independent due to unusual circumstances (for example, parent is incarcerated or otherwise unable to communicate due to severe health reasons, etc.). **If you can document why you should be considered independent for some other unusual reason, please provide all of the following documents for review.**

What Documentation Should I Provide?

- Personal Statement by Student**- Attach a typed personal statement that summarizes the unusual circumstances with your name, school ID, date and signature. Your statement should include the following information: (1) last date and nature of parent contact, (2) location of your parents, and (3) how you are supporting yourself.
- Two Personal Statements by Third Party**- Attach two letters. One from a professional individual not related to you (counselor, social worker, teacher, clergy, police etc.). The second letter should be from a non-professional individual (relative, family friend etc.) who is familiar with your situation.
- Additional Supporting Documentation (Optional)**- Attach copies of any relevant supporting documentation (court documents, legal documents, police reports etc.)
- Proof of Income**- Attach a copy of your 2015 Federal Tax Transcript, 2015 W2 form(s), statement of benefits (welfare, social security etc.) and/or statement of how you are supporting yourself if you cannot provide the documentation listed.
- 2016-2017 FAFSA**- If you have not submitted the 2016-2017 FAFSA, complete and submit the form without parent information.

SIGNATURE

I certify the information provided on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge:
We cannot accept digital signatures.

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE

DATE

2/24/16