

Appeal for Dependency Override

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IVC ID#: G

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Instructions: You may appeal to have your dependency status changed from **Dependent to Independent** with special circumstances if you can document extraordinary and/or unusual circumstances that prevent you from being able to provide your parent's information on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (*FAFSA*). Clearly explain your circumstances below and attach the required supporting documents.

Please note: The Higher Education Act allow a financial aid administrator to make dependency overrides on a case-by-case basis for students with unusual circumstances. However, the law also states that the following conditions do not qualify as unusual circumstances and do not merit an override: 1) parents refuse to contribute to the students education; 2) parents are unwilling to provide information on the application or for verification: 3) parents do not claim the student as a dependent for income tax purposes and 4) student demonstrates total self-sufficiency.

Required Documentation:

- 1. A detailed statement from the student why he/she is unable to provide parental information.
- 2. A statement from a third-party professional on letterhead such as a school official (counselor, teacher) or community member (i.e. clergy, social worker, therapist) to support the appeal and further discusses or addresses why the student is unable to provide parental information.
- 3. A statement from a family member or friend to support the appeal and further discusses or addresses why the student is unable to provide parental information.

Renewal Documentation:

1. If you have been previously approved for a dependency override, please provide a statement regarding your current circumstances.

Certification: I hereby certify that all information reported on this form and any attachments hereto are true, complete, and accurate. Further, I understand that false statements and/or misrepresentations will result in denial, reduction, withdrawal, and/or repayment of aid disbursed and student disciplinary action may be taken.

Student's Signature:		Date:
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□ Approved Comment:	□ Denied for the reason stated below	Determined Homeless by FAO
Decision Made by:		Date: