



2018-2019
Request for Dependency Status Review

Financial aid regulations state that dependent students are required by law to provide parental income information and signatures to be considered for financial aid. You may petition for a waiver of federal regulations requiring parental information if you can document why you should be considered independent due to extraordinary circumstances. Please note the following conditions that are *not* grounds for a dependency override:

- Parents' refusal to provide information on the FAFSA
- Student's self-sufficiency (working and/or not claimed on parents' tax return)
- Student not residing in parents' home
- Parents' inability or unwillingness to contribute to the student's education costs

Unusual circumstances that may be considered, but are not limited to:

- Abusive or dangerous family environment
 - Abandonment by parent(s)
 - Unaccompanied homeless youth
 - One deceased parent [attach copy of death certificate], unknown whereabouts of the other parent
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Please provide the following documentation in support of your petition:

1. A detailed statement from you, explaining your circumstances (including dates) and why you should be classified as an independent student.
 2. Provide statements from independent third party sources (clergy, guidance counselor, teacher, homeless liaison, etc.) This statement must include as much detail (dates, circumstances, etc.) as possible. Copies of appropriate court documents or police reports are also acceptable.
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Student Certification

I certify that the information in my personal statement and on the attached documents is true, correct, and complete. If requested, I agree to provide any additional supporting documentation necessary to verify the information reported.

<p>WARNING: If you purposely give false or misleading information you may be fined, be sentenced to jail, or both.</p>

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____