

DEPENDENCY OVERRIDE APPEAL FORM

Under HEA Sec. 480(d)(9), the *FAFSA Simplification Act* incorporated additional unusual circumstances to consider when a student is unable to contact a parent or where contact with parents poses a risk to such student. Unusual circumstances do include (but are not limited to): human trafficking; legally granted refugee or asylum status; parental abandonment or estrangement; or student or parental incarceration. The University is only permitted to `override from dependent to independent in documented cases. [Click here](#) for the University's Dependency Override Appeal Policy.

PART I: STUDENT INFORMATION

Date: _____ Student ID: _____ Aid Year: _____

Student Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Tel 1: _____ Tel 2: _____ Email: _____

PART II: STUDENT LETTER

Detailed Student Statement

A letter detailing your basis for requesting a dependency override on your FAFSA.

PART III: SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION (CHECK ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING)

Court Order or Official Federal or State Documentation

Official documents that your parents or legal guardians are incarcerated or deceased.

Written Statement #1

A written, notarized statement confirming the unusual circumstance from a state, county or tribal welfare agency; an independent living case worker who supports current and former foster youth with the transition to adulthood; or a public or private agency, facility, or program servicing the victims of abuse, neglect, assault, or violence.

Written Statement #2

A written, notarized statement from an attorney, guardian ad litem, a court-appointed special advocate (or similar), or a representative of a TRIO or GEAR UP program which confirms the circumstances and the person's relationship to the student.

Official Independent Documents

Utility bills, health insurance, or other documents that demonstrate a separation from parents or legal guardians.

PART IV: STUDENT CERTIFICATION & APPROVAL

I understand that none of the following conditions, singly or in combination, qualify as unusual circumstances meriting a dependency override: parents refuse to contribute to the student's education; parents not providing information for the FAFSA or verification; parents do not claim the student as a dependent for income tax purposes; and student demonstrates total self-sufficiency.

I acknowledge that the information submitted herein is true and correct.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

PART V: UNIVERSITY REVIEW FOR APPROVAL/DENIAL

All Required Documents Submitted Dependency Override Approval: Yes No ISIR Correction Processed: Yes No

Performed by: _____

Date: _____