

**Dependency Override Appeal Form**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

For a dependency override appeal, you must document an extreme, unique and/or unusual family circumstance(s) that prevents you from obtaining parental information for your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Per the U.S. Department of Education, examples include:

- your parents are incarcerated
- you have left home due to an abusive family environment
- you do not know where your parents are and are unable to contact them, you may be able to submit your FAFSA form without parental information.

A parent's refusal to complete the FAFSA or lack of parental support are not reasons for a dependency override on their own.

**Please submit the following items to your financial aid counselor:**

- A personal letter explaining your circumstances
- Two or more letters from knowledgeable third-parties (counselor, teacher, medical authority, clergy, social worker or relative). **Only one of the two letters may be from a relative**
- Court documents, if applicable
- Other supporting documents, as appropriate
- A copy of your most recent IRS tax return transcript (<https://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript>).

If you did not file a tax return, please provide copies of your most recent W-2s or copies of your most recent paystubs. If you are not employed, please provide a statement explaining how you are able to cover your living expenses

**CERTIFICATION STATEMENT**

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ON THIS FORM IS TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE. I UNDERSTAND THAT SUBMITTING AN APPEAL DOES NOT GUARANTEE THAT MY APPEAL WILL BE APPROVED. IF MY APPEAL IS NOT APPROVED, I WILL NEED TO PROVIDE PARENTAL INFORMATION ON MY FAFSA TO BE CONSIDERED FOR NEED-BASED AND FEDERAL STUDENT AID.

**STUDENT SIGNATURE** (required)

**DATE**