

DEPENDENCY OVERRIDE FORM 2019-2020

The U. S. Department of Education, determines a student’s status as dependent or independent by the answers the student provides on the seven questions listed in Step Three of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students are classified as dependent or independent because federal student aid programs are based on the principle that students (and their parent(s) or spouse, if applicable) are considered the primary source of support for postsecondary education.

Self-sufficiency of the student or parental unwillingness to financially contribute to a student’s education is not sufficient reasons for determining a student’s status as independent. There are however, situations where a student may have unusual circumstances in which s/he should be considered independent. A justifiable reason to excuse the parents from their financial responsibility must exist.

The following information covers the procedure that is applied to determine a student’s eligibility for a “Dependency Override”. A Financial Aid Administrator will review the student’s appeal by examining the supporting documentation provided by the student, and based on their professional judgment, will either approve or deny the student’s request. The student will be notified in writing of the decision.

NOTE: The Financial Aid Administrator’s decision is final and cannot be appealed to the U.S. Department of Education.

SECTION I: CIRCUMSTANCES GIVEN CONSIDERATION

- A. A student’s voluntary or involuntary removal from their parents' home due to an extreme situation that threatened the student’s health and/or safety and due to these conditions, parent support was terminated.
- B. Incapacity of parent(s) such as incarceration, mental or physical illness or the inability of the applicant to locate the parent(s).
- C. Other extenuating circumstances that can be sufficiently documented.

SECTION II: REVIEW PROCEDURES

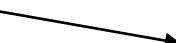
- A. All submitted documentation will be reviewed by the Financial Aid Administrator to determine if the student will be granted a dependency override.
- B. An official notification of the Administrator’s decision will be sent to the student along with an explanation of any further actions necessary to complete his/her application for aid.
- C. If the student has already completed a FAFSA for the year, the Financial Aid Administrator will make any necessary corrections electronically to the original ISIR.
- D. If the student has not yet filed a FAFSA for the year, please complete the FAFSA and leave the parent section blank.

SECTION III: RENEWAL OF A DEPENDENCY OVERRIDE FOR FUTURE YEARS

A dependency override is granted on a yearly basis. Therefore, a student who was granted a Dependency Override in the previous academic year must reapply each year. The Financial Aid Administrator will request documentation from the student regarding their current status. If the student is re-approved for the Dependency Override, the Financial Aid Administrator will need to make necessary changes as listed in Section II, C and D.

NOTE: To be considered for a “Dependency Override,” you must complete the back of this form and provide the documentation requested to the Office of Scholarships and Student Aid.

ENTER YOUR 9-DIGIT NCCU ID



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Please allow 24 hours to acknowledge receipt of documents. You may view the status on MyEOL

