

2023-2024 Dependency Override

Student Name: _____ SCC SID: _____

This form is for dependent students who do not meet the federal criteria for “independent” status, but wish to have their unusual circumstance reviewed in order to be considered an independent student.

Students who are estranged from their parents due to extreme circumstances which can be documented by an objective third party (social service agency, pastor, counselor, etc.) may qualify for special consideration. Examples of extreme circumstances include, but not limited to are: a student’s removal from their parents’ home due to a threat to the student’s health and/or safety, victim of human trafficking, refugee or asylee status, parental abandonment, or parental incarceration.

Self-sufficiency of the student, or the parental unwillingness to financially contribute to a student’s education, is not sufficient reason for a dependency override.

To be considered for a Dependency Override, students must complete each of the following:

- Complete a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) online at <https://studentaid.gov>.
- Submit a signed detailed letter explaining why you should be considered independent for financial aid purposes.
- Describe the circumstances of the separation from your parent(s) and the current status of your relationship with them. **Your relationship with both biological parents (or legal adoptive parents) must be detailed.** The information you provide will be kept confidential.
- Provide available supporting documentation such as court orders, death certificates, police reports, medical records, etc.
- Submit a signed letter from a professional adult to verify the family circumstances you described in your personal statement. The letter must be signed and dated, be on letterhead, and must include their contact information. Professional adults include, but are not limited to: guidance counselors, doctors, family counselors, mental health professionals, job supervisors, or law enforcement officers.

All information must be submitted to The Office of Financial Aid within 60 days of this official request or it will be considered incomplete. Requests that do not include the required documentation will be considered incomplete. *Incomplete requests will be denied.*

STUDENT CERTIFICATION:

I understand that this information will be reviewed, and I may be asked to provide additional documentation or clarification pertaining to my situation stated above.

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

This form requires a “wet” signature (by hand), no electronic or e-signatures will be accepted.

Students will be contacted through their SCC email with a determination notification.