

Review of Unusual Circumstances/Dependency Override Request Form

Student Name:

SLU ID Number:
(if known)

You indicated on your FAFSA that you were unable to provide parental information on the FAFSA due to an unusual circumstance. Our office is required to confirm your unusual circumstance in order to perform a dependency override and confirm the **provisionally independent student status on your 2025-26 FAFSA.**

Please note: Parental refusal to contribute to educational expenses, parental refusal to provide information on the FAFSA, student being financially self-sufficient, or student not being claimed on parent tax returns are not sufficient criteria for a dependency override.

Please complete this form and return it to our office with all required materials listed below.

1. Please write a statement indicating why you are unable to provide parental information on the FAFSA. This statement must be signed and dated. As much information and detail as you can share will be helpful in allowing us to fully understand your situation. Important pieces of information to include would be:
 - Reasons and dates you left your parental household.
 - Extent of contact (if any) you have with either of your parents.
 - Where you are currently residing and how you are being supported financially.
2. Documentation that supports the circumstances you describe in your statement. Examples of supporting documentation could include, but are not limited to:
 - 2 or more letters of support from individuals familiar with your situation (particularly reliable third-party sources). Letters should be signed and dated.
 - Legal documents such as court paperwork, police reports, etc.
 - Other documentation from third-party sources that demonstrates why you are unable to provide parental information on the FAFSA.
3. Sign and date the certification below and return this form to the Financial Aid Office.

I certify that the information provided is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I am aware that purposely providing false or misleading information to help establish eligibility for federal student aid may result in penalties under federal law. If changes occur to the information provided, I will notify Financial Aid in writing.

Student Signature:

Date:

Please note: If after review of your unusual circumstance we cannot confirm that you have qualifying extenuating circumstances that allow us to override your dependency status for federal aid purposes you will either: be eligible only for an unsubsidized loan OR will need to complete the FAFSA as a dependent student by providing parental information.

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