

2018-2019 DEPENDENCY OVERRIDE FORM

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Based on the guidelines set by the Department of Education you are a dependent student. However, the Department recognizes exceptions to this rule and allows financial aid administrators to waive the criteria in extreme circumstances.

Per federal regulations, the following situations, in and of themselves, do not qualify a student as independent for financial aid purposes: A) Not living with parents B) Parent’s refusal to pay or help pay for college expenses

To be considered for a dependency override, you must provide the information listed below, which will be held in the strictest confidence. Failure to provide any required documentation will result in an automatic denial. Be advised that the financial aid office is reviewing your request for a dependency override, and that your request may be denied. The Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid will notify you of the decision via your Ferris email. **ALL DECISIONS BASED ON THIS REQUEST ARE FINAL. Approved requests must be resubmitted each academic year.**

1. Name _____ Student ID# _____
DOB _____ PHONE _____ EMAIL _____
ADDRESS: _____

- 2. **Personal Statement.** On a separate sheet of paper, tell us in your own words, why you should be considered an independent student. Explain the circumstances leading to your independence from your family. (Provide detailed description of events that forced you to separate from your family. Include dates of events and whether or not a restored relationship with your parents is probable.)
- 3. **Professional Letter.** Provide a statement, on official letterhead, from a professional adult to verify the events leading to your separation from your parent’s household that you described in your personal statement. Professional adults include clergy members, guidance counselors, teachers, professors, doctors, family counselors, mental health professionals, and law enforcement officers.
- 4. **Personal Support Statement.** On a separate sheet of paper, tell us how you have supported yourself in the past and how you plan to continue supporting yourself in the future. Be sure to include what your average monthly expenses are and how they are covered. You need to provide documentation supporting the information contained in the statement (See Examples of Acceptable Documentation on reverse side of this form). If you are receiving support from friends or relatives, you must describe the nature and approximate amounts of that support.
- 5. **Free Application for Federal Student AID (FAFSA).** Go to www.fafsa.gov and complete and submit your 2018-19 FAFSA.

Certification Statement:

I hereby certify that all information in this appeal is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I have not knowingly or intentionally provided any fraudulent documentation. I understand that failure to provide documentation will result in a denial, and that an appeal does not guarantee an override of my dependency status. **Electronic or typed signatures are NOT acceptable.**

Signature _____ Date _____

PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION →

EXAMPLES OF ACCEPTABLE DOCUMENTATION

- signed copies of your federal income tax return. If you have not filed a current return, provide copies of your W-2 forms;
- copies of pay stubs from the past four weeks for all jobs that you currently hold;
- documentation of Social Security Benefits, Worker’s Compensation, or other non-work income such as payment V stubs, year-end statements, etc.;
- copy of your lease, property title, or other written housing agreement;
- copies of bills or receipts used to pay utility and phone expenses;
- copies of canceled checks or credit card statements showing that you pay for food, clothing, personal care items, school supplies, auto insurance, medical insurance and/or services, etc.;
- legal documents.

Please return this completed form with documentation requested on reverse side to the Financial Aid office address listed on the reverse side of this form.

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Comments: _____

Approved: _____

Denied: _____

Date: _____

Reviewed by: _____