

2020-2021 FAFSA Dependency Appeal Request Form

By completing this form, you are asking the financial aid office to change your dependency status from dependent to independent. The Office of Financial Aid may request further documentation during this process.

The following circumstances are not sufficient for a dependency override:

- **Parent unwilling to provide information or financial help to student**
 - **Parent(s) do not claim the student on the federal tax return**
 - **Student does not live with parent**
 - **Student pays all of his/her own expenses**
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_____ At any time since you turned the age of 13, were both of your parents deceased, were you in foster care, or were you a dependent ward of the court?

Requires document(s):

- You must submit court documentation that verifies you were in foster care, were a ward of the court
- Copies of biological parents death certificates,

_____ Are you or were you an emancipated minor as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?

Required document:

- A copy of the court's decision that as of the date you completed the FAFSA you are an emancipated minor.

_____ Are you or were you in legal guardianship as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?

Required document:

- Documentation that you were in legal guardianship

_____ At any time on or after July 1, 2019, did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or was self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?

Required document:

- A copy of a letter from your high school or school district homeless liaison

_____ At any time on or after July 1, 2019 did the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or was self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?

Required document:

- A copy of a letter from the director of the Emergency Shelter funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

_____ At any time on or after July 1, 2019 did the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or was self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?

Required document:

- A letter from the director of the runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program

_____ Other unusual circumstances which may include abandonment by parents, an abusive family environment that threatens your health or safety, or being unable to locate your parents. Student statement and supporting documentation must be attached.

I certify that all of the information on this form is complete and correct.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____ Student I.D. Number: _____