



2024-2025 Unusual Circumstances/Request for Dependency Override

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ CCC&TI ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Under Federal law, to the extent they are able, your family is primarily responsible for paying for your college expenses. To determine how much your family can afford to pay towards your college expenses, the FAFSA collects financial information for both you and for your parents.

Federal law allows for some exceptions, if you have an Unusual Circumstance. The following are examples of some unusual circumstances where students submit a FAFSA without parental information:

- Parents are incarcerated; or
You have left home due to an adverse/abusive family environment; or
You do not know where your parents are and are unable to contact them (and you have not been adopted).

Not all situations are considered Unusual Circumstances. The following situations would not be considered an Unusual Circumstance:

- Student demonstrates total self-sufficiency,
Parents do not want to provide their information on the FAFSA; or
Parents refuse to contribute to college expenses; or
Parents do not claim you as a dependent on their income taxes; or
Student does not live with parents.

Directions: If you feel you have an Unusual Circumstance, please complete this form and provide documentation to verify your situation. Do not leave anything blank on this form and gather as much written evidence of your situation as possible. If parent(s) is deceased, please attach a copy of the death certificate. Evidence may include court or law enforcement documents, letters from a clergy member, school counselor or social worker, and/or any other relevant data that explains your special circumstances. Third party documentation is required.

Mother's Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

1. When was the last time you lived with your parents?

Mother (month/year) Father (month/year)

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2. When was the last time you had any contact with your parents?

\_\_\_\_ Mother (month/year) \_\_\_\_\_ Father (month/year)

3. When did your parents last provide any form of support?

\_\_\_\_ Mother (month/year) \_\_\_\_\_ Father (month/year)

4. What are your present living arrangements? With whom do you live and how long has this arrangement been going on?

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5. Are you employed? Please list where and how many hours per week you work.

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6. Explain in detail the reason(s) you should be considered independent. Please note: Self Sufficiency does not demonstrate Unusual Circumstance. Please provide any documentation that supports your request.

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**I certify that the information provided is true and correct and I understand that it may be used to override federal regulations regarding my dependency status. I understand that if I purposely give false or misleading information, I may be fine, be sentenced to jail, or both. I understand FAFSA is an annual application and Unusual Circumstances may not be applicable for the next year.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Dependency Override Approved**

**Adverse home environment**

**Support by other adult relative**

**Applicant supports parent(s)**

**Other**

**Dependency Override Denied/Reason** \_\_\_\_\_

**Financial Aid Director:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Notes:**

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