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Dependency status for student financial aid is defined by federal regulations and is based on a student's responses to specific questions on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students who cannot answer "YES" to at least one of the dependency status questions on the FAFSA are considered dependent for financial aid purposes. Financial aid administrators may grant a dependency override for students with exceptional circumstances through Section 480(d)(7) of the Higher Education Act.

The following conditions <u>do not</u> qualify for a dependency override.

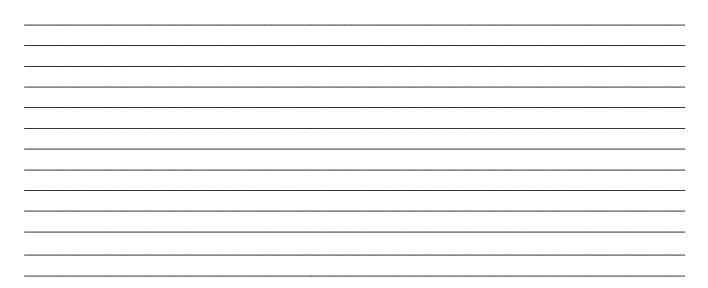
- Parent(s) refusal to contribute to the student's education.
- Parent(s) unwillingness to provide information on the FAFSA or for verification.
- Parent(s) do not claim the student as a dependent for income tax purposes.
- Student demonstrates total self-sufficiency.
- Student and parents have disagreements resulting in a strained relationship.

Dependency override requests are **<u>considered</u>** case-by-case if a student can document abandonment or neglect by the parents, an emotionally/physically abusive, unhealthy, or unsafe family environment, parental incarceration, estrangement, or inability to locate the parents.

Please follow the steps below to be considered for a Dependency Override. Your petition can only be reviewed if all requirements are met. **Dependency override requests must be updated each year**.

| 1. | When did you last live with your parent(s)? | Parent #1:/ | Parent #2:/ |
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| 2. | When did you last have contact with your parent(s)? | Parent #1:/ | Parent #2:/ |
| 3. | What was the nature of the last contact with your pare | nt(s)? | |
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| 4. | Parent Information (response required) | | |
| | Parent # 1 | Parent # 2 | |
| | Name: | Name: | |
| | Address: | | |
| | Phone #: () | Phone #: () | _ |
| | | Unknown | |
| 5. | What are your current living arrangements? | | |

6. Use the space below to describe the unusual circumstances you believe we should consider in evaluating your request. This statement must include your plan to support yourself and your educational efforts without the support of your parent(s). *If additional space is needed, please attach a separate page that includes your name and student ID.*



- 7. Attach typed, signed, and dated statements from <u>two adult professionals</u>* who are unrelated to you and can confirm your unusual circumstances. *Adult professionals include clergy members, attorneys, school counselors, medical doctors, mental health professionals, teachers or professors, law enforcement officers, professional staff from the Department of Social Services, and officers of the court.
 - These statements should include their relationship with you, their knowledge of your relationship with your parents, and your ability to support yourself. *The name, title, address, and telephone number of the person(s) providing the statement is required. NOTE: any statements provided that are not from a professional third party MUST be notarized.
- 8. Attach relevant supporting documentation including, but not limited to, court documents, police reports, incarceration reports, death certificate/obituary notice, and official documents from the Department of Social Services.

CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

By signing below, I certify that the information provided on this form and all attached documentation is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that completing this form is not a substitute for paying applicable charges to the College.

WARNING: Knowingly providing false or misleading information to obtain financial aid may result in fines, imprisonment, or both. The U.S. Secretary of Education has the authority to verify information reported on this application with the IRS and other federal agencies.

STUDENT SIGNATURE

DATE

NOTE: An approved dependency override does not automatically qualify a student eligible for more financial aid

RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM WITH THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION TO: Wayne Community College - Financial Aid & Veterans Services – Wayne Learning Center PO Box 8002 - Goldsboro, NC 27533-8002 FAX: 919-736-9425