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# 2012-2013 Dependency Override Request / Proof of Independent Status

| STUDENT NAME-PRINTED: | STUDENT M#: |
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A Dependency Override is designed to evaluate an individual student's extenuating circumstances to determine if the student should be 'independent' for financial aid purposes. Please complete this form and submit it to our office to be considered for a waiver to federal regulations due to **extenuating** circumstances.

| Circumstances warranting a review include: | Circumstances NOT warranting a review include: |
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| Unstable family situation (e.g. physical or emotional abuse) | Parent(s) refusal to provide data for the FAFSA |
| Abusive family environment | Parent(s) do not claim the student for income tax purposes |
| Abandonment by parents | Parent(s) unwilling or unable to contribute to student's education |
| Social Services, police or legal intervention | Student demonstrates self-sufficiency |
| Other relevant unusual circumstance | Student choosing not to live with parent(s) |
| | Student reluctant to request the income data from parent(s) |
| | Student does not wish to communicate with parent(s) |

***Your written petition should include the following documentation:***

*If you have been granted a Dependency Override in a previous academic year and your circumstance has not change, please indicate the year _____ - _____. Please provide a detailed explanation below.*

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☐ I have included documentation to support my independent status.

OR

☐ I do not meet the qualifications to be independent but I am asking for an exception to be made in my case. *See below for further documentation needed.*

- A personal letter of appeal explaining the reason for your request for a dependency override. The letter should provide as much detail as possible, describing your separation from your parents. You must include the following documentation.
  - Last date and nature of parental contact and location of your parents
  - Your living arrangements over the past year(s), with whom you have lived and who has provided you financial support
    - The supporting documentation for these living arrangements must be included.
- Three personal statements by three third parties who can attest to your situation
  - Their letters should provide as much detail as possible describing your separation from your parents.
  - The letters should also be from two different professional individuals, no relatives please. The letters can come from guidance counselors, social workers, teachers, clergy, police, etc., and they should be on the letterhead and signed by the individual writing the letter.
- A copy of the student's 2010 and 2011 Federal Tax Transcript, W2's, schedules, and attachments
  - If you did not file one or both of these years, provide a statement from the IRS stating that filing was not required.
- A copy of your rental lease (1 year's worth)
- A copy of recent utility bills, insurance bills, car payments, etc.

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Complete this form for clarification of data within the FAFSA. Sources should include any monetary support from parents, friends, ex-spouse, and monies received or paid on your behalf (e.g., your bills) even though it may not have been included on the Federal Tax Return. The total of these monies should be entered as Cash Support.

☐ I certify that I lived in government housing for more than ½ of the calendar year 2011. (You must attach documentation)

☐ I certify that I used my Federal Direct Student Loan(s) excess funds for all my living expenses for the calendar year 2011. (The Office of Financial Aid/Scholarship may require further documentation, if you check this option.)

☐ I certify that I lived with parents/other relatives for the entire calendar year 2011 and had no living expenses to pay. (A notarized statement **must be** attached to this form from your parent/other relative.)

**If you are a dependent student, provide the data for your parent(s).**
**If you are an independent student, provide the data for you and your spouse, if married.**

| SOURCES OF ANNUAL EXPENSES for 2011 | AMOUNT | SOURCES OF ANNUAL INCOME for 2011 | AMOUNT |
|---|---|---|---|
| Rent / Mortgage | | Earnings from Work | |
| Electric / Gas / Water | | Business | |
| Child Support Paid | | Welfare / Food Stamps | |
| Telephone | | Social Security | |
| Food | | Veteran's Benefits | |
| Car payment | | Unemployment | |
| Recreation / Entertainment | | Child Support Received | |
| Gasoline / Auto Insurance | | Disability | |
| Health Insurance | | Tips | |
| Clothing | | Cash Support | |
| Other | | Other | |
| **Total** | 0 | **Total** | 0 |

**Warning: If you purposely give false or misleading information on this form, you may be fined, sentences to jail, or both.**
**Each person signing this form certifies that all information is complete and accurate.**

**You must sign below certifying the accuracy of the information provided on this form.**
**Warning: If you purposely give false or misleading information on this form, you may be fined, sentences to jail, or both.**

**Student Signature:** _____

**Date:** _____

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