Currently, you do not meet the federal requirements for independent student status. However, occasionally, due to unusual or extenuating circumstances, a student may petition for an override of the federal requirements. This form (with supporting documentation) allows you to request a review of your dependency status for financial aid purposes. Completing this form and providing the documentation requested does not guarantee that a change will be made. You will be notified by mail of the decision.

Note: To be eligible for a Dependency Override, you must meet the Satisfactory Academic Progress standards of the College.

SUBMIT THIS FORM WITH A WRITTEN, DETAILED LETTER FROM YOU EXPLAINING YOUR SITUATION (see below) AND WITH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION, as indicated.

Review the situations listed below and check the one that best describes your situation. Gather required documentation.

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| There has been a breakdown in my family structure due to physical, emotional and/or substance abuse. | 1. Court documents   
  2. Letter (on official letterhead) explaining the situation in detail from a minister, social worker, psychologist, high school counselor, teacher, doctor, social agency or other counseling professional that supports your claim of abuse |
| My custodial parent has died and my other parent is still living. However, I have had no contact with my living parent (including financial support) for a significant period of time. | 1. A copy of the death certificate for the deceased custodial parent   
  2. Documentation of the custodial relationship (i.e., a court document, copy of the divorce decree or other evidence that the deceased was the custodial parent)   
  3. Letter (on official letterhead) explaining the situation in detail from a minister, social worker, psychologist, high school counselor, teacher, doctor, social agency or other counseling professional that supports your claim of not having contact with the non-custodial parent for a significant period of time. |
| My situation does not fit those listed.                                               | Documentation required: |
|                                                                                      | 1. Documentation that gives an accurate view of your past history and circumstances, and that supports your claim of independence explained in your letter. |

NOTE: The US Department of Education does not allow the school to make dependency overrides based solely on the following reasons:
- Student is self-supporting
- Parent(s) will not provide information on the FAFSA or for verification
- Parent(s) do not claim the student as a dependent for income tax purposes
- Parent(s) refuse to contribute to the student’s education
-Letter from you should:
  - identify the location of both your parents
  - describe the last time you had contact with each of your parents (when, where and the nature of the contact)
  - explain the unusual circumstances that you believe establishes your independent status
  - describe your current living situation

CERTIFICATION
By signing this worksheet, I certify that all of the information reported on it is complete and correct. WARNING: If you purposely give false or misleading information on this worksheet, you may be fined, sentenced to jail, or both.

Student Signature ____________________ Date ____________________

Fax, mail or bring requested items to the Office of Financial Aid. 
We cannot accept originals or make copies. Student must provide copies.

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Approved ____________________ Reason: ____________________
Denied ____________________ initials/date ____________________