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**DEPENDENCY STATUS OVERRIDE REQUEST FORM**

The U. S. Department of Education allows a college financial aid office to take into account special/unusual situation to allow a dependent student to apply for aid without parent data. The financial aid office is required by federal law to take into account parent data unless the student meets special reasons as defined on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) not to do so, or can document special circumstances.

If not done yet, please complete the FAFSA by logging on to [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov). Only complete the student section. Your request will not be looked at until a FAFSA is submitted.

**REQUIRED PAPERWORK**

**Your Statement:** Provide a type written, detailed, signed, personal account explaining the situation **with each** of your parents. This account should include why you cannot provide your parent's data, **and**

**Supporting Statements:** Submit at least ONE letter (on official letterhead) from a third party expert (i.e., therapist, teacher, clergy, etc.). The letter must be from someone who can explain your situation in detail and state the reason for your unusual situation.

**OR**

Submit at least TWO letters from people who can explain your situation in detail and state the reason for your unusual situation.

**Please note:** If you are a returning HCC student who has been approved for a dependency override before, please submit your personal account. If your situation not has changed, please describe this in your account. Another third party statement is NOT needed unless your situation has changed.

There are several conditions that **do not qualify as unusual**, either individually or in combination. These conditions are:

- Parents who refuse to provide funding
- Parents who are unwilling to provide information
- Parents do not claim the student as an income tax deduction
- A student who is total self-sufficient
- A student's parent(s) live in another country

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Academic year for which you are applying for a Dependency Override? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Have you ever attended HCC? ( ) YES ( ) NO
3. Has HCC or another college ever approved you for a dependency override? ( ) YES ( ) NO

If yes, please name the college \_\_\_\_\_

4. Have you filed your FAFSA? ( ) YES ( ) NO

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5. What is your mother's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

6. What is your father's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

7. When did you last receive financial help from your parent(s)? Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

8. Do/will your parent(s) claim you on their federal tax return? ( ) YES ( ) NO

Do/will your parent(s) provide you with health insurance coverage? ( ) YES ( ) NO

Do you live with your parent(s)? ( ) YES ( ) NO

### CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

Upon submitting all paperwork, your request for independent status will be looked at by a Financial Aid Committee:

- Your request will not be processed unless you have filed your FAFSA
- If your request is approved you will be told in writing and we will submit the override to the Central Processing System (CPS). Your financial aid will then be packaged based on independent status. **PLEASE NOTE:** More paperwork may be needed after the CPS has processed the change to your dependency status.
- You will be told in writing if your request is not complete or we need more data.
- If your request is not approved you will be told in writing. In order to receive financial aid you will have to file your FAFSA at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) and include your parent's data and their signature.
- A student who does not meet the requirements for a dependency override may be able to complete the Parental Non-Support Certification Form to receive an unsubsidized loan. Please contact the financial aid office for more information.
- Depending on the volume of requests it can take up to two weeks to process. **ALL COMMITTEE DECISIONS ARE FINAL.**

I confirm that what I submitted is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Student's Signature

Date

For more information on processing and verification deadlines, please visit <http://www.hcc.edu/finaid/deadlines>