



UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES REQUEST

Student Name: _____

Student ID: _____

The FAFSA determines whether you must provide parent data based on the dependency questions. If you answer 'no' to all the questions, you are considered a dependent for financial aid purposes and must provide parent information on the FAFSA.

If there are unusual circumstances where you cannot provide parent information, you may be eligible for a dependency override. A dependency override allows a student to receive financial aid eligibility without parent information.

1. Check the box that applies:

- ☐ Unable to contact parents or contact with parents poses a risk.
- ☐ Parental abandonment or incarceration.
- ☐ Refugee, asylee status or human trafficking.

2. Provide one of the following:

- Three notarized statements, preferably from non-family members, indicating unusual circumstance, timeline of the relationship with parents and what type of contact you currently have with parents.
- Copy of legal documentation indicating incarceration or abandonment.
- Copy of legal documentation indicating refugee status, asylee status or victim of human trafficking.
- Other legal documentation supporting the unusual circumstance.

No action will be taken in cases where:

- Parents refuse to contribute financially
- Parents unwilling to provide information
- Students being financially independent and/or parents not claiming student on tax return

Acknowledgement: I certify that the above information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Student Signature

Date