

Student Name: _____ NSCC ID number: N _____
Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone: _____ Email Address: _____ Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____

This appeal is used to request a dependency override for federal financial aid. It is used after you have filed your FAFSA and indicated that you have special circumstances which prevent you from providing parental information.

The Federal Student Aid Program determines a student's status as dependent or independent by the answers the student provides on the eight questions listed in Step 3 of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students are classified as dependent or independent because federal student aid programs are based on the principle that students (and their parents or spouse) are considered the primary source of support for postsecondary education. The Dependency Override process is used to address on a case by case basis a student who claims to be independent but does not meet the federal criteria. The student must demonstrate a unique and extenuating circumstance.

The following provides information and explains the procedure used to determine a student's eligibility for a "Dependency Override." A Financial Aid Administrator will review the student's appeal by examining the supporting documentation provided by the student and will either approve or deny the student's request and notify the student in writing. The decision is final and cannot be appealed to the U.S. Department of Education.

THE FOLLOWING IS NOT CONSIDERED A UNIQUE AND EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCE

- Self-sufficiency of the student
- Parent's unwillingness to complete the parent section of the FAFSA
- Parents refuse to contribute to the student's education
- Not residing at the parent's residence
- Not being claimed as a dependent on your parent's tax return
- Student's desire for grants instead of loans

CIRCUMSTANCES GIVEN CONSIDERATION WHERE PARENTAL SUPPORT HAS BEEN TERMINATED

- Documented abandonment
- Parental drug abuse
- Parental mental incapacity
- Physical or emotional abuse
- Severe estrangement from parents
- Parental Incarceration

Dependency Override Appeal Process

____ **Step #1:** Complete your 2020-2021 Free Application for Federal Student Aid and have it sent to NSCC (School Code 008677).

____ **Step #2:** Complete this form using an ink pen.

____ **Step #3:** Attach a typed letter. Make sure your name, Student ID, date, and signature are included on the letter.

- In your own words tell us why you are requesting a dependency override.
- Describe your relationship with your parents and include any circumstances surrounding the situation
- Include information about how you provide for yourself.
- If you are or have received support from friends and relatives, you must describe the nature of the support.
- Attach supporting documentation if available.

____ **Step #4:** Have at least **two** individuals complete the "Dependency Override Documentation" section of this appeal.

- These individuals should be adults who have direct knowledge of the situation, who are not relatives.
- One individual must be a professional whom you have sought treatment or assistance. Professionals include guidance counselors, doctors, lawyers, family counselors, social workers, law enforcement officers, clergy members, etc.
- If a family member, who is not your parent, has raised you or is currently supporting you, submit an additional statement from that family member.
- The Dependency Override Documentation must be the original form completed and signed by each individual.

We understand the sensitive nature of these circumstances; therefore all documentation received by our office will be kept confidential.

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**TO BE COMPLETED BY A PROFESSIONAL WHO HAS WORKED WITH THE STUDENT'S FAMILY.
(EXAMPLES OF PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE INCLUDE HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR, TEACHER, SOCIAL
WORKER, CLERGY, PHYSICIAN, LAWYER, or FAMILY THERAPIST).**

The above named student has applied for financial aid at Northwest State Community College and has indicated that he/she is unable to provide us with parent information due to extenuating family circumstances.

Please provide a brief statement regarding your knowledge of the student's family history and relationship with parent(s).

Why do you believe that the student is unable to provide parent(s) information for financial aid purposes?

Last date the student: 1. Received financial support from parent(s)? _____ 2. Lived with parent(s)? _____

How long have you known the student? _____

What is your professional relationship with the student? _____

Name of Business or Employer: _____

Business Address: _____ Business Phone #: _____

Your name (please print): _____ Your Title: _____

Your Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Dependency Override Documentation
Non-Relative Individual

Student Name: _____

NSCC ID number: N_____

TO BE COMPLETED BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS AN ADULT AND HAS DIRECT KNOWLEDGE OF THE STUDENT'S SITUATION, WHO IS NOT A RELATIVE. THIS PERSON MUST NOT LIVE AT THE SAME ADDRESS AS THE STUDENT.

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Please provide a brief statement regarding your knowledge of the student's family history and relationship with parent(s).

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Why do you believe that the student is unable to provide parent(s) information for financial aid purposes?

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Last date the student: 1. Received financial support from parent(s)? _____ 2. Lived with parent(s)? _____

How long have you known the student? _____

What is your relationship with the student? _____

Your name (please print): _____

Your Phone #: _____

Your physical address: _____

Street Number and Street Name

City

State

Zip

Your Signature: _____

Date: _____