

# Dependency Override

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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ CSUB Id: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print)

## You indicated on your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) that you have unusual circumstances that prevent you from providing parental information.

Students who do not meet the federal definition of an independent student, but who meet one of the following extraordinary circumstances, may submit this appeal for a **Dependency Override**. Such overrides are determined on a case-by-case basis.

The following circumstances **may QUALIFY** a student for a Dependency override. Please mark which situation applies to you:

- Abuse:** The student had to leave the home for their own safety and/or health, due to an abusive situation
- Abandonment:** The student was completely abandoned by their parents, or the inability of the student to locate their parents. (for example, the student has been raised by their grandparents or another relative and has had no contact or support from their parents)
- Homeless Youth:** Unaccompanied youth who was homeless or at risk of being homeless (Not living in the physical custody of your parent or guardian and lacking fixed, regular and adequate housing)

You **must** attach the following documentation:

- A signed and dated letter from you outlining your situation;
- A signed and dated letter from a counselor or teacher, community group or clergyman, government agency, law enforcement officer, medical personnel, court or prison administrator who has direct personal knowledge of your situation;
- [optional] Any other supporting documentation, such as a signed and dated letter from relatives or friends, a police report and/or medical report.

Please be aware that the following circumstances **DO NOT QUALIFY** for a dependency override:

- Parents refuse to contribute or are unwilling to provide information;
- Parents do not claim the student as a dependent for income tax purposes;
- Student demonstrates total self-sufficiency;
- Parents live in another country

Please be aware that you may be eligible for a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan only without completing a FAFSA, if:

- Parents are unwilling** to provide information on the FAFSA or required verification documents.

You **must** attach the following documentation:

- A signed and dated letter from your parent indicating that they refuse to provide support and are unwilling to complete the parental section on the FAFSA. (If the parent refuses, you may attach a letter from a teacher, clergyman, or other family member who has direct personal knowledge of your situation).

Dependency Override Renewal (only if the Dependency Override was completed by CSU, Bakersfield)

- I was **PREVIOUSLY** approved for a Dependency Override. I certify that my circumstances, which prevented me from providing parental information on the FAFSA, have not changed since the original documents were submitted. (If there is a change, please attach supporting documentation detailing the changes).

### Certification & Signature

Signing below certifies that all reported information is complete and accurate.

**WARNING:** If you purposely give false or misleading information you may be fined, be sentenced to prison, or both.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_