2013-2014 Dependency Override Request Form

Student Information:

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<th>First Name</th>
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<th>Student ID Number</th>
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For determining eligibility for Federal Student Financial Aid, a student is considered independent, if the student:

- Is 24 years or older
- Is working on a master’s degree or doctoral degree (simply completing a bachelor’s degree does not make you independent)
- Is married
- Is an orphan (both parents are deceased)
- Is a veteran of the US Armed Forces
- Is currently serving on active duty in the US Armed Forces for purposes other than training
- Has a child or children, who receive more than one-half support from the student
- Was in foster care or was a ward of the court at any time since the student was age 13
- Has dependents who live with the student and receive more than one-half support from the student
- Is an emancipated minor as determined by a court in the student’s state of legal residence
- The student’s high school or school district homeless liaison determined that the student was an unaccompanied youth who was homeless (Since July 1, 2012)
- The director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by HUD determined the student was an unaccompanied youth who was homeless (Since July 1, 2012)
- The director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program determined the student was an unaccompanied youth, who was homeless or was self-supporting and at risk of being homeless (Since July 1, 2012)

**Students not meeting one or more of these criteria are not considered DEPENDENT by the US Department of Education.**

As a student, you are NOT considered independent if:

- Your parents are unwilling to assist you financially
- You consider yourself financially independent from your parents
- Your parents are unwilling to provide information for the application process
- You are in a disagreement with your parents
- You live in a different residence than your parents
- You claim yourself on your federal income tax returns (or your parents do not claim you)

While these circumstances may commonly indicate the independence of an individual, the US Dept of Ed has specifically state they do NOT qualify a student for independent status. Schools are prohibited from granting a dependency override on these conditions.
The US Department of Education has directed schools under section 480(d) (7) of the HEA to use Professional Judgment for “Dependence Override” only if a student meets one of the following unusual circumstances:

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<th>Abusive family environment</th>
<th>Parents lacking mental or physical ability to raise child</th>
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<td>Abandonment by parents</td>
<td>Parents’ whereabouts unknown or cannot be located</td>
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<td>Incarceration/institutionalization of both parents</td>
<td>Unsuitable household</td>
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The required documents to support a “Dependency Override” and instructions are as follows:

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<td>Completed FAFSA, if application has not been filed <em>(required by all)</em></td>
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<td>Dependency Override Request Form and a written statement from student regarding relationship with parents <em>(required by all)</em></td>
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<td>Two letters from a professional third party, from whom you have sought support and/or advice, specific to your claim. A professional third party is defined as a person whom you have sought assistance, and who has no financial or personal interest in the outcome of this application. (IE, high school guidance counselor, teacher, therapist, physician, clergy) Relatives or friends, etc. cannot supply this information.</td>
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<td>A letter from an agency, if you have ever sought help from an government agency <em>(IE, Child Protective Services)</em></td>
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|       | If your custodial parent is deceased, and you have no contact or support from the non-custodial parent, provide the following:  
1) Death certificate of custodial parent,  AND  
2) Name of non-custodial parent ___________________________,  AND  
3) Last known address of non-custodial parent ___________________________,  AND  
4) Attach one letter from a professional third party, from whom you have sought support and/or advice *(see above for definition of professional third party)*. |
|       | My parents live in a country with which the United States does not maintain normal diplomatic relations. Provide:  
1) Name of Country ___________________________,  AND  
2) Proof of parent(s) permanent residency in that country *(IE, copy of parental passport)* |
|       | In addition, you must provide the following *(required by all)*:  
1) 2013-2014 Independent Verification Worksheet  
2) If you worked in 2012, attach all of your 2012 W-2 Forms  
3) If you were required to file a 2012 federal tax return, attach an IRS Tax Return Transcript. *(To obtain an IRS Tax Return Transcript call 1-800-908-9946 or request one at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).* |

Certification

By signing this form, I certify all information reported on this form and within the enclosed documentation is complete and correct. I understand that providing false or misleading information may result in a $20,000 fine, a prison sentence or both, according to the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, Section 490(a). Any false or misleading information is subject to cancellation of all Federal financial assistance.

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Student Signature Date