



Student Financial Aid
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REQUEST FOR CHANGE OF DEPENDENCY STATUS

Year: _____

Federal student aid programs are based on the principle that students and their families should be the primary source of support for college education. A student who does not meet any of the criteria listed under Step 3 of the FAFSA is considered a dependent student and must provide parent financial information. Under certain extreme circumstances a financial aid office can override a student's dependency status.

Circumstances considered for granting a dependency override:

- *Student's removal from parent's home due to situation that threatened the student's health or safety.*
- *Incapacity of parents to provide information due to medical condition or inability to be contacted.*
- *Other extreme circumstances that can be sufficiently documented.*

Examples of documentation to attach, as applicable to the situation:

- *Legal documentation - such as arrest reports, court papers, Child Protective Services records, correctional facility records*
- *Medical documentation - such as death certificate, hospital records*
- *Statement regarding knowledge of your parental situation from an unrelated professional – such as a school official, minister, social worker, physician, lawyer, law enforcement officer. Statement should include the person's full name, title or position, phone number and signature.*

Circumstances that are NOT grounds for a dependency status change:

- ***Student is self-supporting and is struggling to pay for college***
- ***Student has ongoing disagreements with parents***
- ***Parent does not claim student for income tax purposes***
- ***Parent does not contribute to student's education***
- ***Parent/ step-parent refuses to provide information for FAFSA or for verification***

Name _____ OC ID# / SSN _____

Mailing Address _____ Birthdate _____

City, State, Zip _____ Daytime phone# _____

Have you already filed a current FAFSA? _____ Yes _____ No

Were you granted a dependency override last year by Odessa College? _____ Yes _____ No

On the back, please provide as much detail as possible about your relationship with your parents.

Attach an additional sheet if needed. Be sure to include:

- Last time of contact and frequency of contact with each biological parent for the last 3 years
- Circumstances of relationship with parents and why you cannot provide parent financial information
- Your living arrangements for the last 3 years and how you support yourself

