

University of Illinois Springfield – Office of Financial Assistance

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2020-2021 Dependency Override Request

For Priority Processing Submit Form By July 15, 2020

Section A – Student Information (Please print clearly)

Last Name First Name M.I. Email

Street Address City State Zip Code

What you should do:

1. Complete this entire worksheet. You must answer all the questions and the form must be SIGNED.
2. Submit 8 ½ x 11 legible copies of documentation requested.
3. Please submit all documents to the address above or upload in self-service (*please do not fax/email*).
4. Please make sure to include your UIN on all documents.

You have completed your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) with no parental information. For the 2020-2021 award year, a student is automatically independent if he or she can answer "Yes" to any of the questions (46-58) in section 2 of the 2020-2021 FAFSA. **Students who do not meet one of these standards are therefore dependent by federal regulations and must include their parents' tax information on the FAFSA form.**

The following conditions are not usually considered for dependency overrides:

- Parents' refusal to contribute to the student's education
- Parents are unwilling to provide information on the FAFSA or for the verification process
- Parents do not claim the student as a dependent for income tax purposes
- Students who demonstrate total self-sufficiency
- Students do not reside with their parents

However, if you believe there are extenuating circumstances that might warrant your being considered independent of your parents, this form provides instructions to petition for independent status. Unusual circumstances are cases such as an abusive family environment, or abandonment by parents where attainment of parental financial documents or support is impossible. Please provide all of the required documentation as requested below. You will be notified in writing about the decision on your request. (Please allow 3-4 weeks for a response.) Approval of the appeal is not automatic or guaranteed. Appeals are considered on a case-by-case basis.

Section B – Dependency Override Documentation

I have attached the following required documentation:

- A typed letter explaining in detail the dire circumstances between yourself and your parent(s).
- Signed letters (on agency letterhead) from at least three professionals (i.e. high school counselors, therapist, clergy, police) verifying your situation.
- Appropriate documentation (i.e. court papers, police reports, documentation from social services agencies) verifying the circumstances mentioned in the appeal.
- A copy of a current lease, signed by you and your landlord showing your name as lessee.
- Copies of the students' signed Federal tax forms for the previous two years (2018 and 2019).
- Copies of the students' W-2 form(s) from the previous two years (2018 and 2019).

Section C – Student Signature

IMPORTANT: Return this original form to the Office of Financial Assistance. **All documentation submitted with this form must:**

1. Clearly print UIN on every page of 8 ½ x 11 legible copies.
2. Include all appropriate signatures.

I certify that the information provided on this form and its attachments are true and correct.

Student Signature

Date

ENTER YOUR 9-DIGIT UIN .

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