

University of Illinois Springfield -- Office of Financial Aid
Dependency Override/Unusual Circumstances

Section A – Student Information (Please print clearly)

UIN :	_____	Email :	_____
Last Name :	_____	Current Address :	_____
First Name :	_____	City & State :	_____
M.I. :	_____	Zip Code :	_____

Important Information

When completing the 2024-25 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), you may have answered YES to the question: “Do unusual circumstances prevent the student from contacting their parents or would contacting their parents pose a risk to the student?” or you have otherwise requested to have your dependency status reviewed.

Please note that per federal regulations, unusual circumstances do not include a parent’s refusal to contribute to the student’s education, the parents’ refusal to provide information for the FAFSA or verification, parents do not claim the student as a dependent for income tax purposes or if the student demonstrates total self-sufficiency. All of the conditions listed above do not constitute grounds for a student to be considered independent. Approval of this request is not automatic or guaranteed. Unusual circumstances are considered on a case-by-case basis.

Documentation Check below the most relevant to your situation and attach the appropriate documentation:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Left home due to an abusive or threatening environment. | <input type="checkbox"/> Refugee or asylee status and separated from your parents, or your parents are displaced in a foreign country. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Abandoned by or estranged from your parents. | <input type="checkbox"/> Other. Please explain in writing. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A victim of human trafficking | |

Documentation required:

- A typed letter explaining the situation, **and**
- Three signed letters (on agency letterhead) from professionals (i.e. high school counselors, therapist, clergy, police) verifying your situation, **and**
- Supporting documentation (i.e. court papers, police reports, records from social services agencies) verifying the unusual circumstance mentioned in the appeal, **or**
- Original documentation showing designation of status as Refugee, Asylum Granted, or victim of human trafficking.

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

Student Signature

Date

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