



Name: _____

Student ID: _____

Students who do not meet the federal definition of an Independent student may appeal to be considered Independent under very limited, extraordinary circumstances. If the Financial Aid Office grants a Dependency Override after reviewing an appeal, the student will be considered Independent for federal student aid purposes and parent information is not required to be reported on the FAFSA. Appeals will not be considered until all supporting documentation is received. The deadline to all documentation is June 1, 2021. Please allow 30 days for processing.

STEP 1: PERSONAL STATEMENT

Provide an explanation of your family circumstances with specific with dates and details. Please note that parents refusing to contribute to student’s education, parents unwilling to provide information on the FAFSA or verification documents, parents not claiming the student as a Dependent for income tax purposes, and a student demonstrating total self-sufficiency does not qualify for a Dependency override.

STEP 2: THREE (3) LETTERS FROM THIRD PARTY PROFESSIONALS

You must provide three (3) signed and dated letters from a third party (no relatives), such as: counselors, teachers, community group leaders, government agencies, therapists, psychologists, or court orders that can provide evidence supporting your statement of family circumstances. The letters must be written on the letterhead of the agency.

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

I certify that the information provided on this form and all attached documentation is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I agree to provide further documentation for verification of this information if requested by the Financial Aid Office.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

**Electronic signature not accepted*