



Office of Student Financial Aid

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Last Name First Name M.I.

BRCTC ID number

Address

Phone Number (include area code)

City State Zip Code

Email Address

A student who does not meet the federal criteria for independent status on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) may submit a Dependency Override Request. The U.S. Department of Education (ED) allows a financial aid administrator to make dependency overrides on a case-by-case basis for students with unusual circumstances.

Please note that **none** of the following conditions qualifies as unusual circumstances:

1. Parents refuse to contribute to your education.
2. Parents are unwilling to provide information on the FAFSA or verification requests.
3. Parents do not claim the student as a dependent for income tax purposes.
4. Student demonstrates total self-sufficiency.

Unusual circumstances do include abusive family environment or abandonment by parents. In addition to this form, third party documentation is required.

All students applying for a Dependency Override are selected for verification and must submit:

- Personal Statement by Student – Attach a typed personal statement that summarizes the nature of the relationship with biological or legally adopted parents, specific dates of events that caused separation from parents, and how you are supporting yourself.
- Personal Statement by two Third Parties – Attach a statement signed and dated by a third party (e.g. teacher, clergy, social worker, police officer) that summarizes your unusual circumstance and knowledge of your relationship with your parents.
- 2024 Federal Tax Return Transcript (or complete IRS FA-Direct Data Exchange (DDX) through the FAFSA)
- 2026-2027 Independent Verification Worksheet

Report all **income** you have **actually** received from **January 1, 2026 through today**.

Estimate all income you **expect** to receive **today through December 31, 2026**.

You must attach documentation of all income, which could include:

Income for January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026	Actual January 1, 2026 through today	Estimated today through December 31, 2026	Total Actual + Estimated
*wages, salaries, tips, net business/farm income			
Expected 2025 income earned from *work by Student	\$	\$	\$
Other taxable income (dividends, interest, pensions, annuities, alimony, unemployment, capital gains, etc.) Source(s):	\$	\$	\$
Social Security Benefits	\$	\$	\$
AFDC/TANF	\$	\$	\$
Other Untaxed Income (earned income credit, worker's comp, IRA/Keogh payments, etc.) Source:	\$	\$	\$
Total estimated income for 2026	\$	\$	\$

CERTIFICATION:

My signature below certifies that the information provided above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the penalty for providing false or misleading information is a fine, prison sentence, or both.

Student Signature

Date

To return this form:

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