



Request for Dependency Override 2020-2021

First Name	Last Name	NEO ID#
Address		Social Security Number
City	State	Zip Code
		Phone Number

PLEASE READ THE INFORMATION BELOW BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM

Under Federal law, to the extent your family is able; they are primarily responsible for paying for your college expenses. To determine how much your family can afford towards your college expenses, the FAFSA collects financial information about you and your parents' financial situation.

However, Federal law allows for some exceptions if you have a **special circumstance** (*less than 1% of FAFSA applicants meet the definition of having a special circumstance*). The following are examples of some special circumstances where you may submit your FAFSA without providing parental information:

- Your parents are incarcerated; or
- You have left home due to an abusive family environment; or
- You do not know where your parents are and are unable to contact them (and you have not been adopted).

But not all situations are considered a special circumstance. The following are situations that alone or in combination would **not** be considered a special circumstance.

- Your parents do not want to provide their information on your FAFSA; or
- Your parents refuse to contribute to your college expenses; or
- Your parents do not claim you as a dependent on their income taxes; or
- You do not live with your parents

If you believe that you may qualify for an exemption to providing parental information, please submit this form, along with the following items:

- ✓ A letter from you explaining your situation. Being financially independent of your parents is not a consideration for a dependency override. The issue is the **relationship** between you and your parents and why you feel you cannot get the information you need from them in order to complete the FAFSA.
- ✓ Letters from two responsible adults who are aware of your situation. Their letters should discuss what they know about the relationship between you and your parents. **These are not recommendation letters.** The writers should discuss what they know about your relationship with your parents. **At least one of the letters must be from someone who is not a relative or a friend.** Examples would be a counselor, teacher, minister, caseworker, etc.
- ✓ A copy of your 2018 Federal 1040 Tax Forms, if you filed taxes.

Student Signature

Date