

## 2015-2016 Petition for Dependency Override

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ RUID #    -   -

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**According to the U.S. Department of Education, a student is independent for the 2014-2015 year if he/she meets any of the following criteria. Please check YES or NO and refer to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for instructions.**

Were you born before January 1, 1992?	Yes	No
As of today, are you married?	Yes	No
At the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year, will you be working on a master's or doctorate program (such as an MA, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, EdD, graduate certificate, etc.)?	Yes	No
Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training?	Yes	No
Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces?	Yes	No
Do you have children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016?	Yes	No
Do you have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2016?	Yes	No
At any time since you turned age 13, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care or were you a dependent or ward of the court?	Yes	No
Are you or were you an emancipated minor as determined by a court in your state of legal residence? <i>*note-NJ does not recognize emancipated minors</i>	Yes	No
Are you or were you in legal guardianship as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?	Yes	No
At any time on or after July 1, 2014, did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless?	Yes	No
At any time on or after July 1, 2014, did the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless?	Yes	No
At any time on or after July 1, 2014, did the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional housing program determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?	Yes	No

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If you are unable to answer “yes” to any of the above questions, then you are classified as a dependent student. However, if you feel that you have unusual circumstances that need to be considered, you may submit a request for a Dependency Override. BEFORE you submit your request, please note the following:

None of the conditions listed below, singly or in combination, qualify as unusual circumstances meriting a dependency override:

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

**Instructions: To request a Petition for Dependency Override, you must sign and submit this form, along with the following documentation:**

- Write a personal letter stating your special circumstances. Be sure to include the following: what has caused you to become independent from your parents, the date(s) these circumstances arose, the location of, and amount of contact with, both mother and father, and how you have provided for your own basic necessities (i.e., student tax return).
- Submit at least two letters from third parties who have detailed personal knowledge of your situation and who can verify your circumstances. At least one letter should be on official letterhead from a community member (i.e., minister, high school guidance counselor, etc.). All additional third party letters need to be notarized by a notary public.

I understand that if approved, I must re-affirm that my special circumstances have not changed each academic year.

X

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Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Student Name

**Return form and all supporting documents to your regional financial aid office:**

**Office of Financial Aid  
Rutgers University**  
620 George Street  
New Brunswick, NJ 08901-1175  
Phone: 848-932-7057  
Fax: 732-932-7385

**Office of Financial Aid  
Rutgers University**  
249 University Avenue  
Newark, NJ 07102-1896  
Phone: 973-353-5151  
Fax: 973-353-5057

**Office of Financial Aid  
Rutgers University**  
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Camden, NJ 08102-1405  
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