

Name: _____ RUID or A number _____
Address: _____
Phone #: _____
Email: _____

Based on your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) you are considered 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:

- **Parents refuse to contribute to the student's education.**
- **Parents are unwilling to provide information on the FAFSA or for verification.**
- **Parents do not claim the student as a dependent for income tax purposes.**
- **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:

Part 1

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).

Part 2

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.

Please note the following:

You must, if approved for dependency override, re-affirm that your special circumstances have not changed each academic year.

Signatures

I understand that incomplete or missing documents or forms can result in a delay of the aid process. If you purposely give false or misleading information you may be fined up to \$20,000, sent to prison, or both.

Print Student Name

Student Signature

Date

For more information on where you can submit
your completed documentation, please visit:
<https://studentaid.rutgers.edu/contact.aspx>