

Student Name: _____ **ICC ID:** _____

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You indicated on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) that you may not be required to provide parental information. A student may request a dependency override if they do not meet the statutory definition for independent status for federal student aid recipients. To be considered independent you must be able to document **unusual or exceptional** family circumstances. Living in your own apartment, paying rent or other bills, claiming yourself on your federal tax return, and/or parents not claiming you on their taxes do not constitute unusual circumstances.

IMPORTANT:

Students who are estranged from their parents due to extreme circumstances (e.g., child abuse, abandonment, family alcoholism, drug abuse, etc.) which can be documented by an objective third party (e.g., pastor, high school or college counselor, a social service agency official, etc.) may qualify for a dependency override.

A student may **NOT** request to be independent due to:

- Parent refusing to complete the FAFSA
- Parent refusing to provide the required documentation
- Student refusing to request information from the parents
- Student is not claimed as an exemption on parent's federal tax return
- Student is not financially supported by the parent(s).

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO:

- Complete Sections I through V of this form
- Return this form and all required documentation to any campus financial aid office
- Meet with a Financial Aid Counselor to discuss your situation
- Review your Financial Aid Dashboard in the Self-Service portal in approximately 4-6 weeks for final decision

SECTION I – FAFSA Dependency Determination

Were you born before January 1, 2002?.....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Were you legally adopted by your parent(s)?.....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> 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?.....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are you or were you an emancipated minor as determined by the court in your state of legal residence?.....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are you or were you in legal guardianship as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?.....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
At any time on or after July 1, 2024, did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless?.....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
At any time on or after July 1, 2024, 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?.....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
At any time on or after July 1, 2024, did the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?.....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

If you answered YES to any of the above questions, STOP. You need to meet with a Financial Aid Counselor to discuss appropriate action and required documentation (if any) to complete your federal student aid application.

If you answered NO to any of the above questions, continue to SECTION II of this form.

SECTION II- Statement of Situation

In a TYPED statement describe why you feel you are independent. Use a separate sheet of paper to explain why you should not be considered a dependent of your parents for federal student aid purposes. The statement should explain the situation in detail and include the following:

- Identify the location of both of your parents.
- Describe the last time you had contact with your parent(s) – when, where and the nature of the visit.
- Describe the unusual circumstances that you feel make you an independent student.
- Describe how you have been self-supporting.

SECTION III – Supporting Documentation

Supporting documentation **must** include **at least two (2)** third party letters from individuals who will not be biased on your behalf, but who have first-hand knowledge of your situation and who can present the facts related to your particular situation. This may include, but is not limited to court documents, letters from high school counselors, medical professionals, and members of the clergy or social workers.

SECTION IV - Student Information

Indicate the amount and source(s) of your annual income for 2021, 2023 and 2023. Include both taxable and non-taxable income.

2023 \$ _____ Source _____
 2024 \$ _____ Source _____
 2025 \$ _____ Source _____

Where did you live in: (Please circle the appropriate response)

2023:	with parents	with relatives	on your own	other _____
2024:	with parents	with relatives	on your own	other _____
2025:	with parents	with relatives	on your own	other _____

List any expenses paid on your behalf by your parents in 2021, 2023 or 2023. (Example medical or car insurance)

2023 \$ _____ type _____
 2024 \$ _____ type _____
 2025 \$ _____ type _____

Did your parents claim you as a dependent on their 2023 federal tax return?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Did your parents claim you as a dependent on their 2024 federal tax return?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Did your parents claim you as a dependent on their 2025 federal tax return?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

SECTION V – Statement of Certification

I certify that the information contained in this request is true to the best of my knowledge and if requested, I agree to provide ICC's financial aid office with further documentation for any information provided on this form. If my financial situation or circumstances change from what is indicated in this request, I agree to notify the financial aid office of the change.

Student Signature _____

Date _____

WARNING:
If you purposely give false or misleading information you may be fined, sentenced to jail, or both.