



CENTRAL CAROLINA
TECHNICAL COLLEGE

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2017-18 DEPENDENCY OVERRIDE REQUEST FORM

An independent student is defined by federal financial aid regulations as someone who fits into one or more of eleven specific categories. Under these categories, a student is independent if s/he can answer “YES” to at least one of the following:

1. were born before January 1, 1994
2. are you married as of the date you complete the FAFSA
3. do you have children who receive more than half their support from you
4. do you have dependents other than your spouse or children who live with you and who receive more than half their support from you
5. do you have no living parents (biological or adoptive) when you were age 13, even if you are now adopted;
6. are or were in foster care or were ward or dependent of the court at any time when you were 13 or older (even if you are not anymore)
7. are you an emancipated minor or are in legal guardianship as determined by the court in your state of legal residence
8. are you a self-supporting unaccompanied youth who is homeless or at risk of homelessness
9. are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces or you attended a service academy and released under a condition other than dishonorable
10. are you currently servicing on active duty (other than training) in the U.S. Armed Forces

The law allows you an opportunity to petition the financial aid administrator for a dependency override. The financial aid administrators may grant dependency overrides for students with “unusual circumstances” on a case-by-case basis and must document the “unusual circumstances” each award year. The U.S. Department of Education recognizes examples of “unusual circumstances” to be, but are not limited to, an abusive family environment or abandonment by parents.

According to the Department of Education, a Dependency Override cannot be performed for the following reasons:

- Parents refuse to contribute to student’s education.
- Parents are unwilling to provide information on FAFSA or for verification.
- Student demonstrates total self-sufficiency.

Please submit the following documentation with this form:

1. A detailed letter (typed) explaining in your own words explaining your “unusual circumstances”.
2. Two (2) letters of support from non-relatives (e.g., proprietor, employer, teacher or clergy), which can confirm the statements in your letter of explanation. The letters of support should also include how they know you and how long they have known you.
3. All other documentation you believe will help demonstrate your independent status.

By signing, I am certifying that this request is subject to the professional judgment of the Central Carolina Technical College Financial Aid Office. This request may be subject to further documentation and all subsequent decisions are final.

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____
PRINT NAME _____ **C#** _____

WARNING: If you purposely provide false or misleading information, you will be reported to the U.S. Department of Education where you may be fined, sent to prison or both.

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