



**DEPENDENCY STATUS CONFIRMATION FORM OR  
OVERRIDE APPEAL FORM: INSTRUCTIONS**

Student Financial Assistance considers requests for changes in dependency status based on abandonment by parents, abuse or neglect. Also, a student under the age of 24 with no legal dependents who has been married and divorced without parental support will be considered. Other unusual circumstances may be considered with sufficient documentation.

**A student will not be granted independent status solely based their parent(s) refusal to provide their financial information on the FAFSA, and/or refuse to submit verification documentation.**

**HOWEVER**, you may receive an unsubsidized loan if you are unable to secure parental information and do not meet the criteria for a dependency override.

PLEASE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING TO THE STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OFFICE:

- 2009-2010 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) complete with student information only.
- A detailed statement explaining your extenuating circumstances (on page 3 of this form, and/or on an attached sheet), which **must** include:
  - 1) The location of both of your biological parents.
  - 2) The last time you had contact with your biological parents.
  - 3) The date you last resided in the home of your biological parent(s)/guardian.
  - 4) Documentation from clergy, counselor, police reports, psychologists, or other officials that confirms your extenuating circumstances.
  - 5) If applicable, documentation from either the court in your state or department of children and family services verifying your status as an orphan/ward of the court or in legal guardianship.
  - 6) If applicable, documentation from the director of an emergency shelter, transitional housing or homeless youth basic center.
- A signed copy of your 2008 Federal tax return.
- A copy of marriage certificate and divorce decree, if applicable.
- A copy of guardianship or ward of the court documentation, if applicable.

The decision regarding your appeal will be based upon professional judgment and will be final. You cannot appeal any decision to the U.S. Department of Education. You will be notified of the decision in writing.





