

Dependency Override Review 2024-2025

Website: financialaid.highline.edu



Where to submit this form: You can submit this form using our [Document Upload Form](#)

How to check your status online: Go to your [Financial Aid Portal](#)

Student Information

Last Name	First Name	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	ctcLink ID Number
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Dependency Status Information

Federal Regulations and Dependency Status

1. Financial aid regulations identify families as being primarily responsible for providing for the educational needs of their children.
 - Therefore, dependent students are required to complete the FAFSA using their parents' income and asset information in addition to their own information.
2. However, in extraordinary and unusual circumstances such as abusive family environment or parental abandonment, students can override this requirement.
 - If you cannot provide parental information for some unusual reason, you may file this form and petition to override dependency and become an independent student i.e. one who does not have to provide parental information or signatures.
3. The decision of the Financial Aid Office is final and cannot be appealed.
4. Students with an approved petition must confirm on their FAFSA in the next year that their situation is still accurate and has not changed.

Situations Ineligible for Override Approval

The Financial Aid Office cannot grant a dependency override in the following circumstances:

- Claiming that you support yourself (even if you claim yourself on your own tax return). For example, you moved out from your parent's home and now you live on your own and pay your own expenses. You cannot be declared an independent student for Financial Aid purposes under this reason alone.
- Your parents are unwilling to provide their information on the FAFSA.
- Your parents do not have enough money to help pay for school.

Required Documentation

Attach the following:

- Write a statement to explain why you are unable to provide parental information.

Supporting documentation which may include, but is not limited to:

- Copies of official court documents are acceptable
 - Documentation confirming parent is deceased, incarcerated or institutionalized.
 - Court documents confirming that there is a protection/restraining order that prohibits contact with parent(s).
 - Utility bills, health insurance, or other documents that demonstrate a separation from parents or legal guardians.
- Complete the Independent - V1: Verification Form 2024-2025. If you did not work in 2022, explain how your living expenses/needs were met.

and

One of the following is required:

1. Submission of a court order or official Federal or State documentation that the students' parents or legal guardian are incarcerated;
2. A written statement from an attorney, guardian ad litem, a court-appointed special advocate (or similar), or a representative of a TRIO or GEAR UP program that confirms the circumstances and the person's relationship to the student;
3. A documented determination of independence made by a financial aid administrator at another institution in the same or a prior award year;
4. A documented phone call (with the financial aid administrator) or written statement, which confirms the unusual circumstances with:
 - a. A State, county, or Tribal welfare agency;
 - b. An independent living case worker who supports current and former foster youth with the transition to adulthood; or
 - c. A public or private agency, facility, or program servicing the victims of abuse, neglect, assault, or violence.
5. If you cannot provide one of the above, please call the financial aid office to schedule a meeting with one of the directors who will conduct an interview for a determination.

Signature

I affirm that the information provided in this application and other financial aid documents is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I agree that I have reviewed, understand and agree to the conditions, responsibilities and obligations in order to receive financial aid for the 2024-2025 academic year as stated in the Conditions of Award, and Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy available on the Financial Aid website. I also understand if I submit all required items after the published deadline, tuition is my responsibility and the Financial Aid Office will not hold my classes.

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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Financial Aid Determination

*** This section to be completed by Financial Aid Office only**

- Approved**
 Submitted any appropriate corrections to ISIR Tracked in PJ

Denied

Reason for denial: _____

Financial Aid Advisor Initials: _____ **Date:** _____