

Kankakee Community College
2023-2024 Dependency Override Appeal

OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID
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STEP I: Student Information

Name _____ Date _____
Last First M.I.

Permanent Address _____

Student Soc. Sec. # _____ Phone(____) _____

STEP II: Reason for Filing Dependency Override

Dependency status is determined by criteria specified in the law and can be changed by a Financial Aid Administrator only in unusual circumstances. If the student is defined as “dependent” but believes circumstances are present to establish them as “independent”, then the student may request a review of their unusual circumstances by the Financial Aid Office.

A student **cannot** be determined to be independent due to the following:

- The student no longer lives at home.
- The parents no longer claim the student as a dependent on their taxes
- The parents don’t want to provide information on the FAFSA due to privacy concerns
- The parents don’t feel it’s their responsibility to provide financial assistance for college

STEP II: Submit the following:

- 1) **A copy of your 2021 IRS Tax Return Transcript** (if you did not use the IRS DRT on your 23-24 FAFSA)
- 2) **2023-2024 Independent Student Verification Worksheet**
- 3) **Personal Statement**-Attach a letter explaining your situation. You must describe your current relationship (even if non-existent) with your father and mother. Address the following items:
 - Has a parent died?
 - Do you live with someone other than your parents, and does that person support you?
 - Describe the nature of your relationship with each of your parent(s). If you are estranged from your parent(s), please provide a detailed account of the circumstances.
 - Provide the date and place of your last contact with your parent(s).
 - Do you support yourself? If yes, what year did you begin supporting yourself?
 - If your parent(s) are unwilling or unable to provide financial information to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), please explain.

4) **Supporting Documentation** verifying the reasons for your independent status request. This may include, but is not limited to:

- Documentation confirming that a parent is deceased, institutionalized, or incarcerated.
- Documentation confirming that there is a protection/restraining order that prohibits you from having contact with your parent(s).
- Other legal documentation that would explain why parent information should or could not be obtained to determine financial aid eligibility.
- Letter(s) verifying the reason for your independent status request. Letters should come from responsible adult (i.e. high school counselor, social service agency official, pastor or clergy member, mental health professional, law enforcement officer, etc.) whom are able to verify the family circumstances you described in your personal statement. If the letters are from an outside office/agency they must be on official letterhead.
- Utility bills or health insurance documentation, that demonstrate a separation from parents or legal guardians

STEP IV: Read, Sign, and Return to the Kankakee Community College Office of Financial Aid
Certification: All of the above information on this form and attached documentation is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Student Signature _____ Date Completed _____

Remember to attach all required documentation.

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Approved Denied Date _____ Staff Signature _____