

2025-2026 Dependency Override Appeal

1000 N Main St, Findlay, OH 45840-3653

Name: _____ Student #: _____

UF E-mail: _____ D.O.B.: _____

General Information for Requesting a Dependency Status Override

Dependent students who do not meet the federal criteria for “independent” status as outlined on the FAFSA can appeal to have their unique family circumstances reviewed to determine if they qualify to be considered as an independent student for financial aid purposes. You may qualify for a dependency override, if you are estranged from your parents due to abuse, abandonment, death of parents, or other unusual circumstances beyond your control that can be sufficiently documented. If your Dependency Appeal Override was approved in previous years, please complete the Dependency Override Renewal form.

Please Note: Parents’ refusal/inability to contribute to your education, parents not claiming you on their tax return, and/or you supporting yourself are not considered extenuating circumstances.

Required Documentation

- 2025-2026 FAFSA (studentaid.gov)** — Your 2025-26 FAFSA must be received at UF before we can review your appeal.
- Personal Statement by Student**— Attach a typed personal statement summarizing the unusual circumstances with your name, Student #, date and signature. Your statement should include the following information: **1)** detailed explanation of your current relationship with each of your parents (if you are estranged, provide details of the circumstances that caused the estrangement), **2)** the location of your parents and the last date and nature of parent contact, **3)** your living arrangements—where are you living, and **4)** how you are supporting yourself.
- Statement by a Professional Third Party**— Attach a signed and dated letter on letterhead from a professional third party (e.g. a teacher, counselor, medical professional, clergy member, or social worker, etc.) summarizing your unusual circumstances and knowledge concerning your relationship with your parents.
- Additional Supporting Documentation**— Attach copies of any relevant supporting documentation (e.g. death certificate, court documents (including protection/restraining orders), police report, documentation of incarceration or institutionalization, legal documents, etc.).
- 2023 Federal Tax Return Transcript**, if your IRS information was entered manually on your FAFSA.

Certification and Signature

I certify that all information provided in this document is true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I further understand that any false statement or misrepresentation will be cause for denial, reduction, withdrawal, and/or repayment of financial aid. Also purposely giving false or misleading information on this worksheet may lead to fines, jail sentences, or both. I authorize the University of Findlay to make any change(s) necessary as a result of the updated information that I have provided.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____