

Grayson County College Office of Financial Aid

Request for Review 2009-2010 Dependency Override due to Mitigating Circumstances

Student Name: _____

Current Award Year: _____

SS#: _____

Telephone Number: _____

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) provides the requirement guidelines a student must meet to qualify for financial aid as an independent student. Students who do not meet these requirements, may request their dependency status be evaluated using Department Of Education guidelines for special or unusual circumstances that force an otherwise dependent student to become independent.

The following is not considered when evaluating dependency overrides.

- Not being claimed on your parents tax return
- Not living with parents
- Financial Independence

Students who feel their circumstances warrant an evaluation of their dependency status should provide the following information to allow the financial aid administrator to make a final determination.

Supporting Documents

- Student letter detailing the mitigating circumstances that make the student independent from parents.
- Two statements from professionals (teacher, counselor, clergy, social worker) that can verify the special circumstances and non-parental contact of student. (The statements must include address and telephone numbers and must be on letterhead)
- Completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Student Aid Report (SAR) if you have filed for federal aid and a signed copy of your income information for 2008 (ex: tax return and W-2/1099 forms).

Your request must be provided to the Office of Financial Aid with supporting documentation to validate your request.

- **Your application will not be processed and will be maintained in the file as incomplete until all necessary documentation has been received.**
- **It is your responsibility to ascertain that all required documents have been received.**
- **Once your file is complete, you will be contacted by mail within 2-4 weeks.**

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