

## Grayson County College Office of Financial Aid 2010-2011 Dependency Override

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Award Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID # \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

The Department of Education (DOE) /Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) sets the requirement guidelines a student must meet to qualify as an independent student. Students who do not meet these requirements may request their dependency status be evaluated using Department Of Education guidelines.

**The following is not considered when evaluating dependency overrides:**

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

### Definition of Dependent Student from FAFSA/Federal Regulations

- Born before 1/1/1986 (24 years of age)
- Married
- Working on a degree beyond a bachelor's degree, such as a master's or doctorate in 2010/2011
- Active duty in Armed Forces (for other than training purposes)
- Veteran of Armed Forces
- Children that live with you and received more than ½ of their support from you now thru 6/30/11.
- Dependents (other than children) that live with you and whom received more than ½ of their support from you now thru 6/30/2011.

**If you did not check any of the above you are considered a Dependent Student by FAFSA Federal Regulations.**

**Provide the following documents:**

- Student letter detailing the mitigating circumstances that make the student independent from parents
- Two statements (***on letterhead with address and phone numbers***) from professionals (teacher, counselor, clergy, social worker) that can verify the special circumstances and non-parental contact of the student.
- Completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Student Aid Report (SAR) if you have filed for federal aid.
- Signed copy of your 2009 tax return/W-2's/1099's

- Your application will not be processed 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 30 days. (Processing time average is 4-6 weeks)

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