

# Dependency Override Request Instructions

## About

This application to request that parent information not be reported on the FAFSA

Review the required documentation, complete the form, and submit both the form and documentation to Grayson College Financial Aid.

I understand when applying for a dependency override:

- Additional documentation may be requested.
- Processing may take 2-3 weeks.
- Incomplete requests may not be processed.

By signing this form, you agree to provide information that will verify the accuracy of your situation.

If you purposely give false or misleading information, you will be referred to the Department of Education Inspector General. If you purposely give false or misleading information in order to qualify for Title IV funds, you may be fined \$20,000, sent to prison, or both.

## How to Submit:

Sign and return this form with required documents to:

Grayson College Financial Aid Office.

6101 Grayson Drive • Denison TX, 75020-8299

Email: [financialaid@grayson.edu](mailto:financialaid@grayson.edu)

Fax: 903.463.3908

## Important Information

The Department of Education's definition of an Independent Student:

- Born before January 1, 2001.
- Married on the date, or before, the FAFSA application is submitted.
- Enrolled in a Master's or Doctorate Degree program.
- Active duty in Armed Forces (for other than training purposes).
- Veteran of the Armed Forces.
- Have children receiving more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026.
- Dependents – other than your children or spouse – living with you, and who will receive more than half their support from you between July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026.

**WARNING:** According to the Department of Education, the following is not considered when evaluating dependency overrides:

- Not being claimed on your parent's tax returns.
- Not living with your parents.
- Financial independence.
- Conservatorship.
- Parent(s) refusal to give information.

## Required Documentation

### Due to No Parent Contact

- 2025-2026 FAFSA application with Grayson College listed
- Court appointed Guardianship documentation OR two professional statements on company letterhead with address and phone numbers where professionals (teacher, counselor, clergy, social worker, etc.) can verify non-parental contact with the student.

### Due to Pregnancy

- 2025-26 FAFSA application with Grayson College listed.
- Documentation from a physician confirming pregnancy and approximate due date, for a child expecting to be born between July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026.

### Due to Death of Parents

- 2025-26 FAFSA application with Grayson College listed.
- A copy of death certificate(s) OR a copy of an obituary which lists the student as the child of the deceased.
  - If only one parent is deceased, student must provide a typed statement as to why they are unable to provide surviving parental information.



Grayson College Financial Aid

# Dependency Override Request Form 2025-2026

To request that parent information not be reported on the FAFSA due to extenuating circumstances.

\* = required field

## Student Information

Student Name\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Email\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID\* \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (m/d/yyyy)\* \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## Student Address

Street Address\*: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, and Zip Code\* \_\_\_\_\_

## Explanation of Changes

Provide a detailed statement of the mitigating circumstances that make you independent of your parents. If needed, type and attach an additional sheet.

Explanation:

## Signature

Printed Name\*: \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Signature\***

X

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)\* \_\_\_\_\_

I understand when applying for a change of circumstance:

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**Students are REQUIRED to use their GC canvas account or their GC email account for all electronic communication. GC faculty and staff will not reply to student communication that is sent through an email account other than their GC issued email account or canvas account in order to ensure the identity of the student when communicating electronically.**