

Dependency Override Request Instructions

About

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

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

I understand when applying for a dependency override:

- Additional documentation may be requested.
- Processing may take 2-3 weeks.
- Incomplete requests will 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 and may be fined \$20,000, sent to prison, or both.

Important Information

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

- Born before January 1, 2002.
- 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, 2026 and June 30, 2027.
- Dependents – other than your children or spouse – living with you, and who will receive more than half their support from you between July 1, 2026 and June 30, 2027.

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

- 2026-2027 FAFSA application on file with Grayson College
- 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.

Due to Birth of a Child

- 2026-2027 FAFSA application on file with Grayson College.
- Copy of the child's birth certificate showing date of birth between July 1, 2026 and June 30, 2027.

Due to Death of Parents

- 2026-2027 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 2026-2027**

Return completed and signed form to:
 Email: financialaid@grayson.edu
 Fax: 903.463.3908
 Grayson College Office of Financial Aid
 6101 Grayson Dr. Denison, TX 75020-8299

* = 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)* _____
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I understand when applying for a change of circumstance:

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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.

Statement of Non-Discrimination/Equal Opportunity Policy

With respect to the admission and education of students; with respect to the availability of student loans, grants, scholarships, and job opportunities; with respect to the employment and promotion of teaching and non-teaching personnel; and with respect to the student and faculty activities conducted on the premises owned or occupied by the College, Grayson College shall not discriminate either in favor of or against any person on account of race, creed, color, gender, national origin, age, religion, or disability. GC does not discriminate on the basis of sex in the educational programs or activities it operates. Inquiries concerning the application of Title IX and its implementing regulations may be referred to the Title IX Coordinator or to the Office of Civil Rights. The Title IX Coordinator is the Director of Title IX and Student Conduct. 6101 Grayson Drive, Denison, Texas 75020, 903.415.2614