

Suffolk County Community College – Ammerman Campus

REQUEST FOR DEPENDENCY OVERRIDE 2017-18

PLEASE CAREFULLY READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION BEFORE COMPLETING REVERSE SIDE . . .

Financial aid regulations maintain that the family (student and parents) must assume the primary responsibility for meeting the student's educational costs for the purpose of attending college. Therefore, parental information is normally required in order to determine a student's eligibility for federal financial assistance.

The Department of Education has specifically stated that the following four conditions "individually or in combination with one another, do not qualify as unusual circumstances and therefore would not merit a dependency override":

1. Parents refusing to contribute to the student's education
2. Parents unwilling to provide information on the application or for verification
3. Parents not claiming the students as a dependent for income tax purposes
4. Student demonstrating total self-sufficiency

Only in **EXTREMELY UNUSUAL documented** situations can parental information be waived, such as in cases where the student has been forced from the family home as a result of parental abuse (physical or mental), estrangement, abandonment, drug/alcohol abuse, mental incapacity or another such situation beyond the student's control. In cases such as these, the likelihood that the student would return to the parent(s) household and/or rely upon the parents for financial support would be very low.

Please carefully review the reverse for the required documents you must submit for consideration of a Dependency Override. If for any reason you cannot provide all requested documentation, you must explain in detail the reason(s).

For additional information, you may contact the Financial Aid Office at (631) 451-4070.

Return completed form and other documents to:

Suffolk County Community College
Financial Aid Office, A 16
533 College Rd.
Selden, NY 11784

Please complete reverse side

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Instructions: Complete this form and return it with all requested documentation. You will receive a response to your request within three (3) weeks of the date of receipt.

NOTE: Consideration of your request will be delayed if all requested documentation is not attached

I. Name _____ Soc. Sec. No. _____
Current Address _____ Tele No. _____
_____ Email _____

II. **First, file your 2017-18 FAFSA online without parental information. Wait until you have received notice of rejection before submitting this request and the documentation requested.**

III. **Attach a personal statement which includes the following information:**

- The specific reason(s) you cannot obtain your parental income information and signatures in completing the 2017-18 FAFSA.
- The event(s) leading up to your separation from your parents, including the date of separation. Describe the current status of your relationship with your parents including your last date of contact. **You must include information about both parents, even if they were not married at the date of your separation.**
- An explanation of your living arrangements and means of financial support from the date of separation up to the present time.
- If supported by another individual(s) since the date of separation from your parents, identify the individual(s), describe the nature of that support and state the period of time supported.

IV. **Documentation**

- A statement from two adult sources that are intimately familiar with your family situation and can provide additional insights into your family situation. At least one statement should be from a professional, i.e., guidance counselor, attorney, doctor, clergy member, mental health professional, law enforcement official, etc. (letter from professional does not need to be notarized if it is on official letterhead).
- Proof of income for 2015, i.e., federal tax transcript from IRS (not your personal copy), W-2 statements, untaxed income/benefits (unless solely supported by another individual).

V. **Certification:** I certify that all information I have provided is true and accurate. I understand that providing false or deliberately misleading statements is a violation of federal law and may result in a prison sentence, fines, or both.

Signature _____ Date _____
