



2018-2019

Petition for Dependency Override

Student name: _____ Phone: _____
Student ID # _____ or Social Security # _____ Birth date: _____
Street address: _____
City, state, zip: _____

Most unmarried undergraduates under the age of 24 are considered **dependent** for federal financial aid purposes. If, however, after answering questions in Step 3 on the FAFSA, you are classified as a dependent student and unusual circumstances have caused you to become independent, you may request consideration for a **dependency override**.

- A student’s reluctance to request the income information from the parent(s) is not justification for granting an override.
- The unwillingness of the parents to pay or provide information is not a valid reason for granting an override.
- In all cases, independence must have occurred out of **necessity rather than choice**.
- Examples of situations where petitions may be approved are documented abandonment, parental drug abuse, parental mental incapacity, physical or emotional abuse, parental incarceration or severe estrangement.
- Federal funds are not awarded to help students establish their independence.
- A successful petition for a dependency override depends on the specific information and documentation you are able to provide. Please be as complete as possible.

1. Write and submit a personal letter stating your extenuating circumstances.

What has caused you to become independent from **both** parents? When did you become independent? How have you provided for your own basic necessities (shelter, food, clothing, transportation, medical care)? Attach appropriate documentation, e.g. recent paystub, lease agreement.

2. Submit at least two signed letters from third parties who personally have knowledge of your situation and who can verify your circumstances.

At least one letter **must be on letterhead** from a guidance counselor, physician, social worker, clergy person, or another individual who has been involved in the circumstances in a professional capacity. All letters need to include a telephone number and address where the individual can be reached for follow up questions.

3. Submit your 2018-2019 FAFSA.

If you have already submitted your 2018-2019 FAFSA, check this box . If you have not yet submitted your FAFSA, please go online to fafsa.gov and do so now. If your petition is approved, your financial aid counselor will override your FAFSA on the federal FAFSA website so we can receive your application. If your petition is denied, or more information is needed, you will be notified by email to your BroncoMail address the reason and the next steps to take.

All information provided in my Petition for Dependency Override is correct and true. I understand that the decision made on the basis of this petition only affects my application for aid at Boise State University.

Signature: _____ Date: _____