

**2015-2016
Petition for a Dependency Override**

Student's Name (please print): _____ **TUID:** _____

Based on the guidelines set by the U.S. Department of Education you are a Dependent student if you are under the age of 24 and answered "No" to the dependency questions on the FAFSA. We do recognize that there are special circumstances in which students are not able to obtain parents' information. For this reason we offer the Petition for Dependency Override.

The following may constitute an acceptable circumstance for the purpose of a Dependency Override:

- Abandonment by parents
- An abusive family environment that threatens the student's health or safety
- The student being unable to locate his parents

Please note that we are unable to take into consideration the following reasons:

- Parent refusal to contribute to the student's education.
- Parent unwillingness to provide information on the FAFSA
- Parent unwillingness to provide income verification documentation.
- Parent does not claim the student as a dependent for income tax purposes.
- Student demonstrates total self-sufficiency.

Please select the option that applies to you:

- Initial Request:**
 - If you have never been approved for a Dependency Override in prior academic years at Temple University please complete **Sections A and C**
- Renewal Request:**
 - If you have previously been approved for a Dependency Override at Temple University please complete **Sections B and C**

Section A – Initial Request:

In order for the Office of Student Financial Services (SFS) to consider you for a Dependency Override, you must complete this form and provide the following documentation:

1. Submit the 2015-2016 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA) (preferably by the March 1st priority filing deadline).
2. Write a personal letter requesting consideration for independent status which outlines your extenuating family circumstances. Please include the following:
 - The whereabouts of your biological father and his current living arrangements. Include any contact you had with your biological father and the frequency of contact with him over the past year.

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- The whereabouts of your biological mother and her current living arrangements. Include any contact you had with your biological mother and the frequency of contact with her over the past year.
 - Why you cannot provide parental financial information on the 2015-2016 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
 - Your living arrangements over the past year. With whom have you resided? Who has provided financial support to you during the past year?
 - Your name, TUID and signature.
3. A copy of your 2014 Federal Income Tax Return Transcript, if you filed taxes. This can be requested online at www.irs.gov Please also include copies of all 2014 W-2 forms.
4. The Temple University Independent Verification Worksheet available at <http://sfs.temple.edu/forms>
5. Third party documentation is required. Include documentation you feel will support your appeal for independent status; for example, court orders of permanent status (not temporary), death certificates, verification of incarceration and letters from school counselors, clergy or family physicians may be appropriate. Letters from friends and family members are usually not acceptable. Note: This form will be returned to you with a request for supporting documentation if none is provided.
6. Did anyone claim you on their 2014 Federal Income Tax Return?
- NO
- YES – Person's Name: _____ Relationship to you: _____
7. Did you receive AFDC/TANF (welfare), SSI (disability), or Social Security checks in 2014?
- NO
- YES – Name of source(s): _____ Amount per month: _____
Number of months benefit was received in 2014: _____

Section B - Renewal Request

The Office of Student Financial Services may ask for supporting documentation and further clarification of the special circumstances you reported even if you were approved for a Dependency Override in a previous academic year/term.

1. Write a personal letter requesting consideration for continued independent status outlining your family circumstances and educational plans.

- The whereabouts of your biological father and his current living arrangements. Include any contact you had with your biological father and the frequency of contact with him over the past year.
- The whereabouts of your biological mother and her current living arrangements. Include any contact you had with your biological mother and the frequency of contact with her over the past year.
- Why you cannot provide parental financial information on the 2015-2016 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Your living arrangements over the past year. With whom have you resided? Who has provided financial support to you during the past year?
- Your name, TUID and signature.

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2. Academic year original documentation submitted: _____
3. Did you resume living with your biological or adoptive parent(s) in the past year or current year?
 Yes
 No
4. Will your biological or adoptive parent(s) or another person claim you as a dependent in 2014?
 Yes
 No
5. Did your biological or adoptive parent(s) provide you with any support in cash or contribute to paying for any part of your college expenses including room and food?
 Yes
 No

Required Documentation for Renewal Requests:

1. Submit the 2015-2016 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA) (preferably by the March 1st priority filing deadline).
2. Attach a typed personal statement with your name, TUID number, date, and signature summarizing your current situation and any changes that have occurred in your situation since you were originally granted a dependency override.

SECTION C – Affirmation and Certification:

By signing this document, I certify that all information contained on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. Providing inaccurate or false information may result in the denial, reduction, withdrawal and/or repayment of financial aid. **I also understand that I may submit only one request per academic year and the decision of the Office of Student Financial Services is final.**

Please note that a request for a Professional Judgement consideration does not guarantee the receipt or new or additional financial aid. Approval will be based on the circumstance stated and the documentation provided to support your case. Students should be prepared to pay their bill if you choose to register for classes. Notification of the appeal decision will be sent to your Temple University email account.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

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