

Dependency Override Appeal 2009-2010

Independence for *Federal* financial aid purposes may be granted where there is an **Involuntary Dissolution** of the family. An **Involuntary Dissolution** occurs when you are separated from the family for reasons other than your or your parents' choice.

Required Documentation

At least ONE letter from a third party professional (counselor, teacher, attorney, etc.)

- Must be familiar with your situation
- Must explain your situation in detail
- Must be on official letterhead
- State the reason for **Involuntary Dissolution** of the family

OR

If this is not possible:

Explain in writing why you are not able to obtain a letter from a third party professional.

At least TWO letters from individuals who know your situation.

- Must be familiar with your situation
- Must explain your situation in detail
- State the reason for **Involuntary Dissolution** of the family
- State their relationship to you in their letter

Additional documentation may be required.

Documentation of the circumstances involved is required and must be attached to this request.

Per explicit guidelines from the Department of Education, the conditions listed below singly or in combination **DO NOT QUALIFY** as unusual circumstances nor do they merit a dependency override:

1. Parents refuse to contribute to your education.
2. Parents are unwilling to provide information on your aid application.
3. Parents do not claim you as a dependent for income tax purposes.
4. You demonstrate total self-sufficiency.

Submit appeal request to your campus Financial Aid Office.

Complete other side

