



2023-24 DEPENDENCY OVERRIDE REQUEST FORM

Student's Name: _____ **VIP ID:** _____

Most students entering a USC Regional Campus are considered financially dependent on their parents. This means your parents must provide their financial information on the FAFSA. However, the Financial Aid Office recognizes that you may face challenging family circumstances and need to request reconsideration of your dependency status. This review is performed on a case-by-case basis for students with unusual circumstances, when conditions exist which would prevent you from gaining access to parent information.

The following are examples of unusual circumstances that may be considered for a dependency override:

- An abusive family environment
- Abandonment and/or estrangement by parents
- Incarceration or institutionalization of both parents
- Parents cannot be located

The following circumstances would not be considered for a dependency override:

- Parents refuse to contribute to the student's education
- Parents are unwilling to provide information on the FAFSA
- Parents do not claim the student as a dependent for income tax purposes

Your request must be submitted with this [Dependency Override Request Form](#) and include adequate supporting documentation. A member of our staff will promptly review your request and follow up with you to outline next steps.

****Submission of this form does not guarantee that re-classification will be granted.****

Answer the following questions

When did you last have contact with your biological/adoptive parent 1? _____

When did you last live with your biological/adoptive parent 1? _____

When did you last receive financial support from your biological/adoptive parent 1? _____

When did you last have contact with your biological/adoptive parent 2? _____

When did you last live with your biological/adoptive parent 2? _____

When did you last receive financial support from your biological/adoptive parent 2? _____

Are you included as a dependent under your parent(s) medical plan? No Yes

If yes, provide the name and address of the provider _____

Do you own or have the use of an automobile while attending USC?

No

Yes

If yes provide the name and address of the registered owner _____

If you are the registered owner, attach a copy of your car's registration.

Provide an Explanation of Your Unusual Circumstances

Please provide an explanation regarding your unusual circumstances. All information will be kept confidential. If more space is needed, please attach an additional page. If you are receiving support from friends or relatives, describe the nature of that support and how you came to receive it.

Required Documentation

Please submit a signed and dated statement from an impartial third party that can verify your circumstances. Acceptable third-party individuals include a counselor, clergy member, or another impartial source familiar with your situation in a professional capacity. Please also include any other documentation that supports your case such as court documents, police reports, etc. Depending on the nature of your situation, additional information may be requested.

Student Certification (Read carefully before you sign.)

I hereby certify that all information contained in this appeal for independent status, including my personal statement and other documentation, is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If I purposely give false or misleading information on this document, it will be cause for denial or repayment of financial aid and I may also be fined, sentenced to jail, or both.

Student's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____