



2026-27 Unusual Circumstances Application

The Higher Education Act allows a Financial Aid Administrator to make a dependency override on a case-by-case basis for students with unusual circumstances. If you believe you have extenuating circumstances that may warrant a review of your dependency status for the 2026-27 award year, you the student, are required to provide documentation to support your request.

Student's **Legal** Name _____

Student's **Preferred** Name _____

Social Security Number or LWU ID # _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone Number _____

SUMMARY OF STUDENT'S CIRCUMSTANCES: Please describe and explain in detail the extenuating circumstances that would merit the change to "Independent" status, including how you support yourself without parental help. Attach an additional sheet if necessary. **Your Dependency Override request will not be considered unless you provide adequate and appropriate documentation. Additional documentation may be requested if you are selected for verification. The inability to provide parental information on the FAFSA does not warrant a Dependency Override.**

CERTIFICATION: I certify that the submitted information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I realize that if I do not provide supporting documentation, no further action will be taken on this request by the Financial Aid Office.

Student's Signature _____

Date _____

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Comments: _____

____ Not eligible for Dependency Override

____ Dependency Override Denied

____ Dependency Override Approved

Administrator's Signature _____

Date _____