



REQUEST for a Professional Judgement on a CHANGE OF DEPENDENCY STATUS

Year: _____

Name _____ ID# / SSN _____
Mailing Address _____ Birthdate _____
City, State, Zip _____ Daytime phone# _____

Federal student aid programs are based on the principle that students and their families should be the primary source of support for college education. A student who does not meet any of the criteria listed under Step 3 of the FAFSA is considered a dependent student and must provide parent financial information. Under certain unusual circumstances a financial aid office can override a student's dependency status.

Circumstances considered for granting a dependency override:

- Student's removal from parent's home due to situation that threatened the student's health or safety.
- Incapacity of parents to provide information due to medical condition or inability to be contacted.
- Other extreme circumstances that can be sufficiently documented. Examples of documentation to attach, as applicable to the situation: ▪ Legal documentation - such as arrest, court papers, Child Protective Services records, correctional facility records/incarceration reports.
- Medical documentation - such as death certificate, hospital records, reports of institutionalization.
- Statement regarding knowledge of your parental situation from an unrelated professional – such as a school official, minister, social worker, physician, lawyer, law enforcement officer, supervisor. Statement should include the person's full name, title or position, phone number and signature.
- Student is self-supporting and can document self-sufficiency (lease and one utility bill in student's name) and at risk for homelessness.

******Circumstances that are NOT grounds for a dependency status change******

- Student has ongoing disagreements with parents
- Parent does not claim student for income tax purposes
- Parent does not contribute to student's education
- Parent/ step-parent refuses to provide information for FAFSA or for verification: student will be eligible for the Federal Unsubsidized Student loan only!

Have you already filed a current FAFSA? _____ Yes _____ No

Were you granted a dependency override last year by Kilgore College? _____ Yes _____ No

On the back, please provide as much detail as possible about your relationship with your parents. Attach an additional sheet if needed. Be sure to include:

- Last time of contact and frequency of contact with each biological parent for the last 3 years
- Circumstances of relationship with parents and why you cannot provide parent financial information
- Your living arrangements for the last 3 years and how you support yourself

I understand that dependency overrides are granted for one academic year and must be renewed for each new FAFSA or until I meet the FAFSA criteria for an independent status. I understand that a change of dependency status granted at another institution does not guarantee that I will be granted a change of dependency status at Kilgore College. I understand that the financial aid administrator's decision is final and cannot be appealed to the U.S. Department of Education. I certify that all information that I have provided for my change of dependency status request is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

****After the request, along with all required documentation has been submitted, the student will receive a determination within 14 calendar days.

Signature _____ Date _____

FA OFFICE ONLY: Initials: _____ Date: _____ Approved / Denied