

**GULF COAST STATE COLLEGE
FINANCIAL AID**

Request for Dependency Override

To request independent status, please choose one of the following reasons and explain in detail the reason for your request. Parent's simple refusal to complete their portion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is not an unusual circumstance and therefore not sufficient to warrant a declaration of independence.

STUDENT NAME

DATE

Unreasonable Family Situation

Provide 2 statements on letterhead or with notarized signatures from relatives or friends who know your circumstances and are willing to support your request. (Court documents, social service agency, counselor, clergy, etc.)

Death Of Natural Parent(s)

Provide copies of Death Certificate(s)

All students requesting independent status must provide both of the following documents:

- **Copy of your tax return for the last two years and**
- **Current rent receipt or utility bill**

Please complete the following:

1. List the whereabouts of each parent

Mother Name Address City State Zip

Father Name Address City State Zip

2. Describe the last time you had contact with each of your parents – when, where, and the nature of the contact.

Mother _____

Father _____

3. Explain in detail what unusual circumstances establish your independence. Attach additional information as necessary.

4. Describe how you have been self-supporting:

a. When did you begin meeting your expenses without parental support?

b. How have you met your expenses?

I certify this information is true and correct.

Student Signature

Date

Please submit this form with all appropriate documentation. Incomplete requests will not be considered. Allow 5 business days for processing.

*** Remember – None of the conditions listed below qualify as unusual circumstances meriting a Dependency Override.**

- 1.) Parents refuse to contribute to student's education
- 2.) Parents are unwilling to provide information on the FAFSA for verification
- 3.) Parents do not claim the student as a dependent for income tax purposes
- 4.) Student demonstrates total self-sufficiency