

Students classified as Dependent on the FAFSA may request a review of that status based on adverse family circumstances. If approved, you will be notified by the Financial Aid Office and both your FAFSA and financial aid offer will be updated to reflect your status as an Independent student.

You will be asked each year to certify whether your situation has changed. If you re-establish a relationship with your parents in the future, parent information must be included on the FAFSA.

A. STUDENT'S INFORMATION

Full Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Longwood ID Number: _____ Email: _____

B. APPEAL ELIGIBILITY

Examples of reasons a dependency status appeal may be submitted:

- Unsafe domestic environment
- Neglect by parents
- Abandonment by parents
- Unknown whereabouts of parents

Examples of reasons a dependency status appeal may not be submitted:

- Parent's unwillingness or inability to provide financial information or support
- Parent(s) no longer claim the student on their tax return
- A student's ability to be self-sufficient

C. REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENTS

In addition to this form, **all** of the following supporting documentation is required:

- A signed statement from you, the student, explaining the circumstances that have resulted in your appeal. You must include an explanation of your current relationship with your parents and where you live during school breaks and over the summer.
- A signed statement from an independent third party professional (e.g. counselor, medical authority, clergy, court, government agency, social worker, teacher) who can attest first-hand to your circumstances. This letter must include as much detail as is known about your situation.
- A second signed statement from an independent third party professional OR a statement from another source such as a family member.

You should also submit any documents that would support your request for a dependency override. This might include police reports, court documents, reports from social workers or medical professionals, etc.

If you are unable to obtain statements from any third party you will be required to meet with a staff member from the Financial Aid Office to discuss these circumstances.

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Student Name: _____ Longwood ID Number: _____

D. CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURES

WARNING: If you purposely give false or misleading information on this form, you may be fined, sentenced to jail or both. By signing and dating this form you certify that all statements and information are complete and correct.

A representative from our office will contact you if further information is required.

Student Signature

Date

For the security of your personal data, please submit your complete form and all other requested documents using our secure upload, found here: go.longwood.edu/uploadfa