You indicated on your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) that you have unusual circumstances that prevent you from providing parental information.

Students who do not meet the federal definition of an independent student, but who meet one of the two following extraordinary circumstances, my submit this appeal for a Dependency Override. Such overrides are determined on a case-by-case basis.

The following circumstances may QUALIFY a student for a Dependency override. Please mark which situation, if either, applies to you:

- Abuse: The student had to leave the home for their own safety due to an abusive situation
- Abandonment: The student was completely abandoned by their parents (for example, the student has been raised by their grandparents or another relative and has had no contact or support from their parents)

You must attach the following documentation:

- A signed and dated letter from you outlining your situation;
- A signed and dated letter from an adult family member, law enforcement officer, medical doctor, teacher, or clergyman who has direct personal knowledge of your situation;
- [optional] Any other supporting documentation, such as a police report and/or medical report.

Please be aware that the following circumstances DO NOT QUALIFY for a dependency override:

- Parents refuse to contribute to your education;
- Parents do not claim the student as a dependent for income tax purposes;
- Student demonstrates total self-sufficiency.

Please be aware that you may be eligible for a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan only without completing a FAFSA, if:

- Parents are unwilling to provide information on the FAFSA or required verification documents.

You must attach the following documentation:

- A signed and dated letter from you outlining your situation;
- A signed and dated letter from your parent indicating that they are unwilling to provide information on the FAFSA. (If the parent refuses, you may attach a letter from a teacher, clergyman, or other family member who has direct personal knowledge of your situation).

Dependency Override Renewal

I certify that my circumstances and living arrangements have not changed from when I originally documented my situation. If there is a change, please attach supporting documentation detailing the changes.

Certification & Signature

Each person signing below certifies that all of the reported information is complete and correct.

Student Signature ____________________________ Date ____________________________

WARNING: If you purposely give false or misleading information you may be fined, be sentenced to jail, or both.