



Dependency Override Appeal

2019-2020

Name	Social Security Number	Student ID Number
Address	Phone	Alternate Phone Number
City	Zip Code	E-mail address

Under Federal Regulations, students under the age of 24 are required to file the FAFSA using their financial information and their parent(s) information. However, if there is an unusual circumstance that warrants further evaluation, this form as well as supporting documentation can be submitted. The Financial Aid office can change your status if your circumstances and documentation justify doing so, but it is not required to grant your request. Per the Department of Education, the following circumstances **DO NOT** determine your dependency status:

- 1.) Parents refuse to contribute to your education.
- 2.) Parents are unwilling to provide information on the FAFSA or for verification.
- 3.) Having sufficient resources to pay for your own expenses.
- 4.) Parents do not claim you as a dependent for tax purposes.

Instructions for Appeal Process:

1. Check the reason for your appeal:
 Estrangement from parents:
Such as an abusive family environment, abandonment by parents, parental drug abuse or parental incarceration.
 Other Circumstances to be evaluated as self-supporting in 2019-2020:
2. Provide a typed and signed statement explaining why you believe you should be considered independent. Your explanation should include information regarding your relationship with your parents and why they cannot or will not complete the financial aid information and/or assist you with your educational expenses. Explain how you support yourself. Attach additional documentation to fully explain and support your circumstances.
3. You are required to have **three witnesses** familiar with your family circumstances to assist you in completing this appeal. The witnesses must be a teacher, minister, lawyer, physician, counselor, employer, or other **professional** person who is **not** related to you and who is willing to verify your circumstances upon request. The witness statements **must** be typed and printed on their professional letterhead and include signature, printed name, address, title, and phone number. Witnesses must submit their statements directly to the Financial Aid Office (our mailing address is located on the back of this form. Be sure the witnesses address the correspondence to "Morton College Financial Aid Office, Room 232B".
4. During the 2019-2020 academic year your living situation is:
 With parents With relatives With others
5. Have you submitted a 2019-2020 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Renewal FAFSA?
 Yes No (If no, visit www.fafsa.ed.gov to complete one.)
6. You must also submit the following:
 - 1.) 2019-2020 Financial Aid Data Form
 - 2.) Independent Verification Worksheet
 - 3.) Financial Aid Rights & Responsibility Form
 - 4.) 2017 W-2's
 - 5.) 2017 Tax Transcript, if you did not file, you must provide a 'non tax filer form' from the IRS.

