



Request for Dependency Override

2011-2012

Student Name: _____ ID _____

To be considered an independent student, you must fit one of the situations listed. Do not submit this form if any of the following is true:

- You are born before January 1, 1988.
- You are a veteran or on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces (Navy, Air Force, Marines, or Coast Guard) for purposes other than training.
- You are enrolled in a masters or doctorate degree program.
- You are married as of the date you filed your original FAFSA.
- You have children who receive more than half of their support from you.
- You have dependents (other than your children or spouse) that live with you and receive more than half of their support from you and will continue to get that support through June 2012.
- You were an orphan (both parents deceased) when you were 13 or older, regardless if you were subsequently adopted.
- Since the age of 13, you were a foster child or a ward of the court, even if your status changed later.
- You are or were, upon reaching the age of majority, an emancipated minor as determined by a court in the state of your legal residence at the time of the adjudication.
- You are or were, upon reaching the age of majority, in legal guardianship as determined by a court in the state of your legal residence at the time of the adjudication. **Students in legal guardianship to their parent(s) aren't considered independent.**
- At any time on or after July 1, 2010 (regardless of whether you are currently homeless or at risk thereof), you are determined to be an unaccompanied and homeless youth **or** an unaccompanied and self-supporting and at risk of being homeless youth by your school district homeless liaison, the director (or designee) of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), or by the director (or designee) of a runaway/homeless youth basic center or transitional living program.

Proving self sufficiency and/or living on your own are not adequate reasons for changing your dependency status and will not be considered for a dependency override. However, if there is an unintentional, involuntary, and uncontrollable break in the relationship between parents and student, MCC may be able to consider you an independent student.

Please select the circumstance that applies to you and **submit the required documentation** with this signed form to the Student Financial Services office. **Appeals submitted without the required documentation will be denied.** If you've had a Dependency Override approved by Mott Community College for a previous school year, you do not need to submit this form, again. Instead, please submit the Dependency Override Renewal Form.

Your custodial parent has died and the other natural parent is still living. You, however, have not had contact with or received any financial support from the living parent for a significant period of time.

Required Documentation:

1. Mott Community College Independent Verification form.
2. A signed copy of your 2010 federal tax return and all 2010 W-2 statements. If you don't have a tax return or W2 statements, please visit the Form Center at www.mcc.edu and complete a 2011-2012 Living Expense Form.
3. A detailed letter from you explaining the situation.
4. A copy of your birth certificate.
5. A copy of the death certificate of the deceased custodial parent.
6. A letter from an objective third party which supports your claim.

Your family situation is unsound. The dysfunction may result from physical abuse, emotional abuse, or drug or alcohol abuse. As a result of the abuse, a professional counselor has counseled you to live apart from your parent(s).

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3. A detailed letter from you explaining the situation.
4. A copy of your birth certificate.
5. An official letter from a social worker, psychologist, a doctor, a minister, a high school counselor, a teacher, or another counseling professional explaining the situation.
6. One or more of the following:
 - a) A letter from an objective third party which supports your claim.
 - b) Police reports/Court Documentation.
 - c) Documentation from a social agency.

You are 22 or 23 in age and are unaccompanied and homeless **or unaccompanied and self-supporting and at risk of being homeless.**

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3. A **detailed** letter from you explaining the situation. The explanation must include why you are not with your parent(s) **AND** the date you became homeless or at risk of being homeless.
4. A letter from an objective third party which supports your claim.
5. Copy of your birth certificate.
6. One or more of the following:
 - a) Documentation from a school district homeless liaison or director (or designee) of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program showing you were unaccompanied and homeless **or** self-supporting and at risk of being homeless.
 - b) Documentation from the director (or designee) of an emergency or transitional shelter (example: FEMA trailers).
 - c) Documentation from the director (or designee) of a homeless shelter.
 - d) Eviction notice of your residence.
 - e) An official letter from a social worker, psychologist, a doctor, a minister, a high school counselor, a teacher, or a counseling professional explaining your homeless **or** at risk of being homeless situation.
 - f) Documentation showing your residence is substandard (doesn't meet building codes, utilities turned off, etc...).
 - g) A **detailed** letter from the person you are residing with. Letter must include the date you began residing with them and whether your stay is permanent or temporary.
 - h) Documentation showing you are living in motels or camp grounds.

By signing below, I confirm the circumstances explained are true and I agree to provide additional documentation supporting my situation, if necessary.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

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Approved: _____ Denied: _____ Comment: _____ FAA: _____ Date: _____