

2019-2020 DEPENDENCY STATUS CHANGE REQUEST

Student Name: _____ SCCID# _____

Part 1 of 4: Student Questionnaire

Section 480(d) of the Higher Education Act (HEA) of 1965, as amended defines an INDEPENDENT student as someone whose circumstances fit into a specific category. If you can answer YES to any one of the questions below, you are considered an INDEPENDENT student for financial aid purposes, and parental information is not required on the 2019-2020 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

1. Were you born before January 1, 1996?	Yes	No
2. As of today, are you married? (Also answer "yes" if separated but not divorced)	Yes	No
3. At the beginning of the 2019-2020 academic year, will you be working on a Masters or Doctorate program (such as MA, MBA, JD, PhD, EdD, graduate certificate, etc.)?	Yes	No
4. Are you currently serving active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training?	Yes	No
5. Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces?	Yes	No
6. Do you have children who will receive more than 50% support from you between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020?	Yes	No
7. Do you have dependents other than your spouse or child who live with you and will receive more than 50% support from you between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020?	Yes	No
8. At any time since you turned age 13, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care, or were you a dependent or ward of the court?	Yes	No
9. Are you or were you an emancipated minor as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?	Yes	No
10. Are you or were you in a legal guardianship, by someone other than your parent or stepparent, as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?	Yes	No
11. At any time on or after July 1, 2019, did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth and homeless?	Yes	No
12. At any time on or after July 1, 2019, did the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development determine that you were an unaccompanied youth and homeless?	Yes	No
13. At any time on or after July 1, 2019, did the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program determine that you were an unaccompanied youth and Homeless, or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?	Yes	No

If you answer **NO** to all of the above questions, then you and your parent(s) share responsibility for your higher educational expenses because you are considered a **DEPENDENT** student. Your parent(s)' financial information must be provided on the 2019-2020 FAFSA.

If you have a **special circumstance** that prevents you from providing parental information, you may be able to submit your FAFSA; however, it will be considered conditional and incomplete. You **MUST** provide documentation to verify your situation and attach it to this completed form.

What is a Dependency Override?

A dependency override occurs when a financial aid administrator exercises professional judgement and overrides the Department of Education's criteria for dependent students. An override may only be granted on a case-by-case basis for students with unusual & exceptional circumstances. These circumstances must show compelling reason for a student to be considered independent rather than dependent.

What conditions COULD warrant a Dependency Override?

- Documented Abandonment
- Physical or Mental Abuse
- Parental Drug Abuse
- Severe Estrangement from Parents
- Parental Mental Incapacity
- Parental Incarceration

What conditions DO NOT warrant a Dependency Override?

By Federal Law, the following conditions DO NOT warrant a dependency override:

- Parents refuse to provide information on the FAFSA application or for verification
- Parents do not claim student as a dependent for income tax purposes
- Parents unwilling or unable to contribute to a student's education
- Student demonstrates self-sufficiency
- Student reluctant to request the income information from parents
- Student does not wish to communicate with parents

What to expect after filing your Dependency Override Request?

If your request is approved: We will notify you via e-mail, and will submit the override to the Central Processing System (CPS). Your financial aid will then be packaged based on independent status. PLEASE NOTE: Additional documents may be required after the CPS has processed the revision to your dependency status. Be sure to check your Financial Aid tab on MySolano for any additional items.

If your request is not approved: We will notify you via e-mail of our decision. In order to receive a financial aid package, you will be required to provide parent financial information and parent signature on your FAFSA, using the FAFSA website (www.FAFSA.gov).

All decisions on dependency overrides are based on Professional Judgement by the Financial Aid Office at Solano Community College. All decisions are FINAL.

Part 2 of 4: Student Dependency Certification

To be completed by the student:

Student Name: _____ SCC ID#: _____

Address: _____ Phone #: _____

Father/Parent 1's name: _____ Phone #: _____

Father/Parent 1's current address: _____

Mother/Parent 2's name: _____ Phone #: _____

Mother/Parent 2's current address: _____

When was the last time you lived with your parent(s)?: _____
Month/Year

Student name: _____ SCCID# _____

When did your parent(s) last provide any form of support?: _____
Month/Year

When was the last year your parent(s) claimed you as a dependent on their income tax return? _____

Part 3 of 4: Student Statement

Please provide a ***detailed explanation*** of your *special circumstances and why you are unable to provide your parent(s)' information on the 2019-2020 FAFSA* and/or for verification purposes. Attach legal or medical documents, if necessary, to support your explanation. Attach additional pages if needed.

I certify that this statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

FINANCIAL AID OFFICE USE ONLY:	<input type="checkbox"/>	APPROVED	<input type="checkbox"/>	DENIED
Comments:				

BY: _____	DATE: _____			

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Part 4 of 4: Third Party Verification

STUDENT: Please forward this section to a **THIRD PARTY PROFESSIONAL** who has knowledge of you, your parent(s) and your special circumstances. A professional includes, but is not limited to: a high school counselor/teacher/official, physician, psychiatrist, clergyman, priest, social worker, etc. NOTE: ***Friends or family members are NOT considered third party professionals***, and MAY NOT submit on your behalf ***unless requested by the SCC Financial Aid Office.***

THIRD PARTY PROFESSIONAL: The above-named student has applied for financial aid at Solano Community College. The student has indicated on the 2019-2020 FAFSA submitted that ***he/she is unable to provide parental information due to special circumstances*** regarding his or her family and living situation.

Please provide a **written, typed statement** describing your knowledge of the student's family history and relationship with his or her parents. Include the following information on a separate page (official/business letterhead is preferred).

1. How long have you known the student?
2. What is your relationship to the student?
3. Why do you believe the student is **unable** to provide parental information on the FAFSA?
4. What is the most recent date, to the best of your knowledge, the student lived with or received support from his or her parent(s)?
5. Provide your **full name and current contact information.**
6. **Sign and date your statement.**

All information provided will remain **confidential** and will be used by a college financial aid administrator to help determine the student's dependency status for Federal Title IV financial aid eligibility. Please provide your written statement to the student for submission with his or her **Dependency Status Change Request** form.

Sincerely,

Solano Community College
Office of Financial Aid