



# Office of Financial Aid

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## 2022-2023 Dependency Override Cover Sheet

Once we have received all the required documentation, please allow our office up to 3 weeks to review your Dependency Override request.

<b>Student Information</b>
Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)
UTD ID
<b>Purpose</b>
<p>The law governing the Federal Student Aid programs is based on the premise that the family is the first source of your support. The law provides several criteria that indicate whether you are to be considered independent of your parents when determining your eligibility for financial aid. These criteria are indicated on the FAFSA.</p> <p>Federal laws and regulations give a campus financial aid administrator (FAA) the authority to determine that a student is independent on a case-by-case basis for students with special circumstances.</p> <p><b>The regulations specifically prohibit an FAA from using any of the following as a reason for the use of this discretion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Your parents refuse to contribute to your education.</li> <li>Your parents are unwilling to provide information needed to complete the FAFSA and/or the verification process.</li> <li>Your parents do not provide you with financial support and do not list you as a dependent on their taxes.</li> <li>You have been supporting yourself financially.</li> </ul> <p>If a college, university or school has decided to process your application as an independent student, the decision does not apply to any other school. Each school must reach this decision on their own. Additionally, this determination must be made annually with the processing of each FAFSA.</p> <p><b>NOTE: The decision of the campus Financial Aid Administrator is final. It cannot be appealed to the U.S. Department of Education.</b></p>
<b>Required Documentation</b>
<p><b>Personal Statement:</b> A signed and dated written explanation outlining the reason(s) you believe your parents' financial information should not be considered when determining your eligibility for need-based financial aid.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The criterion we will use to make our decision is whether there is an irreconcilable split in the family bond between you and your parents, as well as the reason for that split.</li> </ul> <p><b>Supporting Statements:</b> Two or more letters from someone in a counseling or law enforcement role who can attest to the irreconcilable split in the family bond between you and your parents. The letters must be on letterhead. These letters may be from clergy, school counselors, teachers, doctors, mental health professionals, attorneys or law enforcement officers.</p>
<p>Please submit your completed Dependency Override and supporting documents to the Office of Financial Aid by:  <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:financial-aid@utdallas.edu">financial-aid@utdallas.edu</a> or <b>Fax:</b> 972-883-6803 or <b>In-person drop-off:</b> Student Services Building, first floor  <b>To protect your personal information, please use your UT Dallas email when submitting documents</b></p>