



## DEPENDENCY OVERRIDE REAFFIRMATION 2025-2026 Award Year

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

The U.S. Department of Education determines a student's status for receipt of financial aid as dependent or independent by the answers the student provides to the questions listed on the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**. The federal student aid programs are based on the premise that the family [parent(s)] is considered the primary source of the student's financial support for a college education and financial assistance is meant to supplement, not supplant, the family's ability to pay for college.

In the previous academic year, a thorough review of your prior mitigating unusual circumstance by the Office of Student Financial Aid (OSFA) resulted in your dependency status being changed from dependent to independent. In accordance with Federal regulations, the OSFA is required to confirm each year that your extenuating circumstances for a "dependency override" can be approved again for the current 2025-2026 award year.

Please review the reaffirmation statement below. If the previous circumstances upon which your dependency appeal was approved still exist, please complete and sign this form and return it to the OSFA.

I, \_\_\_\_\_

**(Print Student Name)**

**reaffirm that the unusual extenuating circumstance(s) that I cited in my previous  
Dependency Override for independent status are still in existence today and my situation  
remains the same.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student UTEP email

An official notification of the OSFA's decision will be emailed to the student; and, if applicable, an explanation of any further actions necessary to complete the student's application for financial aid.

**PLEASE NOTE: IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL REGULATIONS, THE OSFA'S DECISION IS FINAL AND CANNOT BE APPEALED TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.**

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

For Office Use Only:

Approved:

Not Approved:

Date:

Initials: