

2009-2010 PETITION FOR DEPENDENCY OVERRIDE

Name: _____ SID: _____
Phone: _____ Birth Date: _____
Street Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____

All students under the age of 24, unless you can answer yes to one of the 7 questions below, are considered dependent for federal financial aid purposes. If however, after answering all questions below with a “no” you believe that unusual circumstances have caused you to become independent, you may request a dependency override.

1. Were you born before January 1, 1986?
2. At the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year, will you be working on a master’s or doctorate program?
3. As of today, are you married?
4. Do you have children who receive more than half of their support from you?
5. Do you have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2010?
6. Are (a) both of your parents deceased, or (b) are you (or were you until age 18) a ward/dependent of the court?
7. Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces?

Please note the following:

- A student’s reluctance to request the income information from the parents is **not** justification for granting an override.
- The unwillingness of the parents to pay or provide information is **not** a valid reason for granting an override.
- In all cases, independence must have occurred out of **necessity** rather than choice.
- Examples of situations where petitions may be approved are: documented abandonment, parental drug abuse, parental mental incapacity, physical or emotional abuse, parental incarceration or severe estrangement.
- A successful petition for a dependency override depends on the specific information and documentation you are able to provide. Please be as complete as possible.

Instructions

1. Write and submit a personal letter stating your extenuating circumstances, what has caused you to become independent from your parents, when you became independent, and how you have provided for your own basic necessities (shelter, food, clothing, transportation, medical care). Attach appropriate documentation.
2. Submit at least two (2) letters from third parties who personally have knowledge of your situation and who can verify your circumstances. At least one letter on letterhead must be from a guidance counselor, physician, social worker, clergy person, or another individual who have been involved in the circumstances in a professional capacity. All letters need to include a telephone number and address where the individual can be reached for follow up questions.
3. Attach your completed and signed FAFSA, if you have not already submitted it to the federal processor. If you have already mailed your 2009-2010 FAFSA, check this box... If your petition is approved, the Financial Aid Office will mail your FAFSA to the federal processor. If not approved, your FAFSA will be returned to you with a letter of explanation.

All information provided in my Petition for Dependency Override is correct and true. I understand that the decision made on the basis of this petition only affects my application for aid at Northeastern Junior College and is final.

Signature: _____ Date: _____