



Financial Aid Office

2019-2020 Dependency Override Request Form

Please review the following information BEFORE submitting this form to the ASUN Financial Aid Office

A student may have extenuating circumstances which cannot be identified on the FAFSA. The purpose of this form is to assist applicants who are normally considered a dependent student apply for independent status. The ASUN Financial Aid Office assesses situations on a case-by-case basis. If the appeal is approved, a student is re-classified as independent.

The following reasons do not qualify for a dependency override:

- The parents do not claim you as an exemption on their federal tax return.
- The parents do not want to provide information on the FAFSA due to privacy concerns.
- The parents do not feel it's their responsibility to provide financial assistance for college.
- The parents are not able to pay any of my school expenses.
- The student no longer lives at home.

Dependency, according to federal financial aid regulations is not determined by any of the above situations. For example, a student who is classified as independent for federal tax filing purposes may or may not also be classified as independent for financial aid filing purposes. In general, your answer to Step Three of the FAFSA determines whether or not you can file the FAFSA as an independent student (which means you do not include parent information on your FAFSA). If you answer "Yes" to any of the items in Step Three, then you are considered independent for financial aid purposes and can complete the FAFSA without parent information.

There is no guarantee that an appeal will be approved, and this independent status does NOT automatically carry over from one academic year to the next.

If you have any questions about this form or process, please contact the ASUN Financial Aid Office by calling (870) 512-7835 or via email financialaid@asun.edu.

Please return your completed application and supporting documentation to the ASUN Financial Aid Office.



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Student's Name:	Student ID or SSN:	Date:
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Documentation Required (please attach to this form):

- Detailed letter from you, the student, requesting a Dependency Override and an explanation of the following:
 - The nature of your relationship with your parents;
 - The location of both of your parents and when you last had contact with them;
 - Why you cannot obtain information and/or financial support from your parents;
 - How have you been supporting yourself?
- Two letters on letterhead from professional sources, i.e.:
 - Social/Case Worker
 - Teacher
 - Counselor
 - Lawyer
 - Doctor/Psychologist
 - Religious Leader
- A third letter may be accepted from a family member detailing your history.
- Court/legal documents:
 - Custody Paperwork
 - Police Report
 - Incarceration Documentation
 - Death Certificate
 - Court Order

Income Documentation

- 2017 Tax Return Transcript and 2017 W2 forms

Other Relevant Documentation

- Rent/lease agreements
- Rent receipts
- Utility receipts
- Other information to document self-sufficiency

I certify that the information above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I agree to submit proof of the information that I have provided. I understand the ASUN Financial Aid Office may request additional documentation to support my appeal. I realize that if I do not submit requested documentation, my request will be denied, and parental data will be required for my FAFSA application.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

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