

## 23-24 Dependency Status Appeal

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The U.S. Department of Education has established the following criteria to be considered an “independent” student for financial aid purposes. You must meet at least one.

- born before January 1, 2000
- married, answer yes if you are separated but not divorced
- working on a masters or doctorate degree at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year
- currently serving on active duty in U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training
- veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces
- have children who receive more than ½ their support from you between July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024
- have dependents (other than children or spouse) who live with you and who receive more than ½ their support from you, now and through June 30, 2024
- since age 13, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care or were you a dependent or ward of court ward
- are you or were you an emancipated minor as determined by a court in your state of legal residence
- are you or were you in legal guardianship as determined by a court in your state of legal residence
- on or after July 1, 2022, did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless
- on or after July 1, 2022, 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 who was homeless
- on or after July 1, 2022, did the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless

If you do not meet any of the criteria listed above, you must include your parents’ information on your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). However, if you have unusual circumstances and are unable to obtain parental information to complete the FAFSA, the Financial Aid Administrator at your school **may** be able to approve a dependency override. A dependency override would allow you to complete your Federal Financial Aid Application without submitting parental information even though you do not meet any of the criteria listed above.

The Department does not consider any of the circumstances below as unusual circumstances meriting a dependency override:

- parents refuse to contribute to the student’s education
- parents are unwilling to provide information for the FAFSA
- parents do not claim the student as a dependent for income tax purposes
- student demonstrates total self-sufficiency

To request a dependency override, please complete the second page of this form.

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FA Form

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Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ NUID \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

1. In the space below, briefly explain your unusual circumstances.

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2. Submit **two** letters of support to document your situation. Letters should be from persons such as foster parents, social workers, counselors, pastors, relatives, etc. and submitted to the Financial Aid Office.

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

**PLEASE RETURN TO: Peru State College One Stop Office (Fax, myPSC Upload, US Mail: details above)**

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

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