



FINANCIAL AID OFFICE
2025-2026 Unusual Circumstance Request for
Dependency Override

You have indicated that there are circumstances that may affect the results of your 2025-2026 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). If the circumstance falls into one of the categories listed on this form, you may submit a Request for Professional Judgment. You must include all required documentation. Incomplete submissions will not be reviewed. If a correction is made to your FAFSA, it may result in a reduction in the base year income or the use of projected income for the current year. In many cases, an adjustment does not increase eligibility for grants. You will be notified after your request has been reviewed. Please allow FAO at least 14 business days to review and make a determination.

Name: _____ HCC ID # or SSN (last 4 digits): _____

Address: _____

Phone: (Home) _____ (Work) _____ (Cell) _____

Email: _____ Date of Birth: _____

The following conditions do not qualify as an unusual circumstance meriting a dependency override:

- Parents refuse to contribute to the student's education.
• Parents will not provide information for the FAFSA or verification.
• Parents do not claim the student as a dependent for income tax purposes.
• Student demonstrates total self-sufficiency

1. Attach a written statement explaining circumstance.

2. Have you been legally adopted?

Yes Provide court papers documenting legal adoption by relative or someone other than a relative.

No Can you contact your parent(s)? Both: Mother only: Father only:

*If you can contact your parent(s), you must apply for financial aid as a dependent, using you & your parent(s) 2023 IRS Tax Information.

*If you are unable to contact your parent(s), you need Required Documentation (see below).

Required Documentation:

- o Statement of third-party documentation on letterhead from a clergy, doctor, lawyer, counselor, teacher, social worker or agency documenting unusual circumstance(s) OR Notarized letter from relative or other provider explaining your living arrangement and unusual circumstance.
o 2025-26 Verification of Family Size and Number in College form and Students 2023 Federal Income Tax Return.
o Lease &/or rent receipts, utility bills, health insurance policy to support document unusual circumstance

2. CERTIFICATION & SIGNATURES:

By signing this form, I certify the following:

- I understand that this request will not be reviewed if incomplete.
• I will be notified of the status of this request, allowing 14 business days for processing.

I certify that the information provided on this form is true and correct. I understand I may be asked to provide additional documentation to support the information herein. By signing this form, I agree to allow Haywood Community College to submit corrections to my FAFSA electronically on my behalf. This information may include federal or state income tax that I filed or was required to file.

Print Student Name

HCC ID # or SSN (last 4 digits)

Student Signature

Date