



## 2022-23 Dependency Override Appeal

Dependency status is determined by the answers to the questions in Step Three of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and dependent students must submit parental information. If unusual circumstances exist, a dependent student may appeal to be treated as an independent student and not submit parental information. Approved Dependency Overrides are granted on a yearly basis. Therefore, a student who was granted a Dependency Override must reapply for a Dependency Override in subsequent academic years until such time the student qualifies as an independent student for FAFSA purposes.

**Priority Deadlines\*:** Fall 2022 – 07/21/22 | Spring 2023 – 11/28/22 | Summer 2023 – 04/20/23

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### A. Student Information

_____	_____	_____	B# _____
Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Student ID

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### B. Were you approved for a Dependency Override in a prior year?

- No** – continue to [Section C](#).
- Yes** – provide a dated, typed letter explaining your current parental situation. You must include information about both parents (biological or adoptive). Your statement should include the following information:
  - (1) Last date and nature of parental contact
  - (2) Location of your parents (if unknown, please indicate last known location)
  - (3) How you have supported yourself for the last 2 years

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### C. Request Consideration for Initial Dependency Override

There are certain instances in which a student may be considered for a Dependency Override including, but not limited to, parental abuse, parental abandonment, or incarceration of a parent. ***Self-sufficiency of the student or parental unwillingness to financially contribute to a student's education are not adequate grounds for a Dependency Override.***

For your appeal to be considered you need to provide the following documentation:

- A typed letter explaining your current parental situation. You must include information on both parents (biological or adoptive). Your statement should include the following information:
  - (1) Last date and nature of parental contact
  - (2) Location of your parents (if unknown, please indicate last known location)
  - (3) How you have financially supported yourself for the last 2 years
- Attach two typed statements signed and dated from third-parties who have knowledge of your unusual circumstances and knowledge concerning your relationship with your parents (e.g. teacher, high school guidance counselor, member of clergy, law enforcement representative, social worker, medical authority, clerk of courts, etc.). If applicable, please also attach any other relevant supporting documentation (such as court documents, police reports, etc.).

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\* This form must be submitted by the priority deadline to ensure a determination of eligibility before the Fee Due Date. Students may still apply for aid after the priority deadlines, but EFSC cannot guarantee that late submissions will be notified of aid eligibility prior to the Fee Due Date.

## D. Certification and Signature

By signing below I certify that all of the information reported is complete and correct.

**WARNING: If you purposely give false or misleading information, you may be fined, sent to prison, or both.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Original Signature

Can be signed electronically if submitted via Financial Aid Document Upload Tool in myEFSC.

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Date

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## E. Document Submission

You may submit this document by the following methods:

### 1. FINANCIAL AID DOCUMENT UPLOAD TOOL (RECOMMENDED)

Complete and sign this document, scan, and upload using the **Financial Aid Document Upload Tool** in **myEFSC** under *Financial Aid Forms & Upload*.

### 2. BY MAIL

Mail your document to the Financial Aid Office at:

Eastern Florida State College  
Financial Aid Office  
Building 2, Room 209  
1519 Clearlake Road  
Cocoa, FL 32922

### 3. IN-PERSON

Please visit [easternflorida.edu/go/aidcontacts](http://easternflorida.edu/go/aidcontacts) for current hours and availability.

## QUESTIONS?

Financial Aid Specialists are available by phone at 321-433-7339 and via e-mail at [finaid@easternflorida.edu](mailto:finaid@easternflorida.edu).

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