

Dependency Status Override

2009-2010 Academic Year

The Department of Education defines a "Dependent Student" as a student who meets all of the following:

- The student:
- was born after January 1, 1986
 - is not a veteran of the U. S. armed forces
 - is not married
 - is not an orphan or a ward of the court
 - does not have legal dependents for whom he/she provides more than half support

A dependent student is required to use parental information when applying for financial aid.

The Financial Aid Director may change a student's dependency status from "dependent" to "independent" **when extenuating circumstances exist that are beyond the control of the student** and make parental support impossible.

Parental refusal of support is NOT enough to qualify for a dependency override.

To be considered for a dependency override, the student and parents must have severed their relationship due to extraordinary circumstances, (e.g., abuse, neglect, or irreconcilable differences).

You must provide third-party documentation from a professional (such as a counselor, caseworker, clergy member, or legal representative) verifying your situation and supporting your request for a dependency status change.

Please complete the Dependency Status Override Request on the back of this form and submit it with your third-party documentation to the Student Services Center. You will be notified as to whether or not your request for independent status has been granted.

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Third-party documentation must be attached for your request to be considered.

Name _____ Student ID or
Soc. Sec. No. _____

I request that the Lake Superior College Enrollment Services Center change my financial aid dependency status from "Dependent" to "Independent."

Explain the reason for your request in this space.

Applicant's
Signature _____ Date _____

Return this form and documentation to the Lake Superior College Student Services Center.

office use only

Dependency Override: () approved () denied

Justification:

FAO Signature _____ Date _____

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