



2025-2026 Dependency Override

You indicated on your 2025-2026 FAFSA that you were a Dependent student or your application was missing your parent's information. You have informed the office there were extreme circumstances that caused you not to live with your parents. The office has the authority to change students' status from Dependent to Independent in cases of extreme circumstances. The Office of Financial Aid at Mercer County Community College is required to request and review documentation to support your status. Failure to submit any requested documentation will result in you being ineligible for Federal student aid.

A. Student Information

<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Student ID #</i>
<i>Address</i>		<i>Date of Birth</i>
<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Zip Code</i>
		<i>Email</i>

Check which of the following is your family's extreme circumstances (one or both parents):

- Abusive environment (physical, mental, sexual abuse, or other forms of domestic violence)
- Abandonment (usually in cases of one or more years)
- Incarceration or institutionalization (mental and/or physical illness)
- Whereabouts unknown (cannot be located)
- Unsuitable household (removed from household & placed in foster care)
- Other circumstances that can be sufficiently documented

Submit the following documentation along with this form for the office to review:

1. A 1st party statement from you explaining why you are requesting to be Independent that includes a) relevant details like names, dates, incidents, places, etc. b) your living situation for the past year c) how you are financially supporting yourself.
2. A 2nd party statement from a family member, family friend, etc. that knows of your circumstances.
3. A 3rd party statement or document. If submitting a statement, it must be from an unrelated professional explaining your circumstances on their employment letterhead. **If you were approved last year at MCCC, you do not need to submit this statement/document again.*

B. Certification

By signing this form, I certify that all information reported on it is complete and correct.

<i>Student Signature</i>	<i>Date</i>
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WARNING: If you purposely give false misleading information on this worksheet, you may be fined, sentenced to jail, or both.

A decision will be sent to your myMercer email.