



## 2019-2020 DEPENDENCY OVERRIDE FORM

Students who do not meet the federal criteria to be considered independent based on the 2019-2020 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) may submit this form with supporting documentation for review to determine if unusual circumstances exist for granting a dependency status override. Dependency overrides are reviewed on a case-by-case basis for students with extenuating circumstances and are evaluated each award year.

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Last Name

First Name

CUNYFirst ID #

The following are circumstances that will **NOT** be considered:

- Parent(s) refusal to contribute to the student's education;
- Parent(s) did not claim student on their tax returns;
- Parent(s) unwillingness to provide information on the FAFSA;
- Student demonstrates total financial self-sufficiency.

PLEASE CHECK THE BOX THAT BEST DESCRIBES YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES:

**A severe situation exists in your family, which prevents you from obtaining your parents' information such as abandonment, physical/mental abuse, parental drug or alcohol abuse or any other extenuating circumstances beyond your control.**

### Documents required for the review:

#### **Personal Statement by Student**

- Please submit a typed personal statement thoroughly detailing your circumstances. Your statement must include:
  - The last date you had any form of contact with your mother and father as well as the nature of that contact,
  - Your parents' (mother and father's) full name and location(s) and
  - Explain how you have been **supporting yourself**.

#### **Third Party statement from a Professional**

- Please attach a letter from a third party (e.g. Social Worker, Teacher or Clergy Member) explaining your circumstances and knowledge concerning your relationship with your parents. This letter should also include the date you lost contact with your parents and their current knowledge of your dependency status. (Letter must be typed on a letterhead and **cannot be from a friend or relative.**)

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. Where do you currently live (address)?: \_\_\_\_\_
2. What is your mother's full name? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What is your mother's current (or last known) address? \_\_\_\_\_
4. When was the last time you had any contact or communication with your mother (month/year)? \_\_\_\_\_



