

# DEPENDENCY OVERRIDE APPLICATION (2002-2003)

Independence for federal financial aid purposes may be granted where there is an **involuntary separation** from the family or if other extraordinary circumstances exist. An involuntary dissolution occurs when a student is separated from the family for reasons other than his/her or their parents' own choice. **Documentation of the circumstances involved is required and must be attached to this request.**

If possible, this form and supporting documentation should be submitted to the MCC Financial Aid Office before the student applies for federal aid.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ SS#: \_\_\_\_\_

Please explain your current relationship with both your biological father and mother even if they are currently divorced or separated:

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Please explain the circumstances that made it necessary for you to leave the family. Please be as specific as possible: (you may attach a separate sheet of paper, if necessary)

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Have you applied for a Dependency Override before? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, at what college? \_\_\_\_\_

FAFSA is \_\_\_\_\_ Attached to this form or \_\_\_\_\_ was already mailed to the federal processor.

## DOCUMENTATION:

Please attach at least one letter of third party documentation from a professional (counselor, teacher, attorney, etc.) that knows you and your situation and can explain it in detail. This documentation must be on official letterhead and state the reason for the involuntary dissolution of the family. It must also contain a certification that in the third party's opinion, it was in the student's best interest (physical, mental, or other) to leave the home environment. If a letter from a professional is not possible, please explain why and obtain three letters from persons that know your family situation first-hand. Please have them state their relationship to you in their letter. Additional documentation may be required.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_