



DEPENDENCY OVERRIDE APPLICATION (2008-2009)

NAME: _____ Student ID#: M00

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 separation occurs when a student leaves or is removed from the family household 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.**

To apply for a Dependency Override for the Federal Student Aid programs, you must do the following:

1. Complete this form. (front and back)
2. Complete a 2008-2009 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and submit it with this application.
3. Provide documentation of the circumstances that made it necessary for you to leave or be removed from your parent's household. Acceptable forms of documentation are:
 - a. One letter of third party documentation from a professional (counselor, teacher, attorney, doctor, 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.

OR

- b. If a letter from a professional is not possible, please explain why and obtain three notarized letters from persons that know your family situation first-hand. In their letter, please have them state their relationship to you, the length of time they have known you and your family, and their understanding of your family situation. Each letter must be signed by the author of the letter and notarized by a certified notary public.

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

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NAME: _____ ID#: _____

Have you applied for a Dependency Override before? YES ____ NO ____

If yes, at what college? _____

2008-2009 FAFSA : _____ is attached to this form.
_____ was already mailed to the federal processor.

***Please note that if you have had a previous Dependency Override approved at MCC, you are still required to complete this form in its entirety.**

Please explain your current relationship with both your biological father and mother even if they are currently divorced or separated: (you may attach a separate sheet of paper, if necessary)

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)

The information provided on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I agree to provide additional documentation if requested. I further agree to notify the Monroe Community College Financial Aid Office of any error or omission in the above information, or of any further circumstances which affect the accuracy of the provided information. I understand that failure to comply with this agreement could result in forfeiture of financial aid eligibility of the student.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

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