



NAME: _____ **Banner 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 is forced to leave their family home 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 **AND** file a FAFSA at www.fafsa.gov.
2. Provide documentation of the circumstances that made it necessary for you to leave or be removed from your parents' household. Acceptable forms of documentation are:
 - a. One letter from a professional third party (counselor, teacher, attorney, doctor, etc.) that knows you and can explain your circumstances in detail. This documentation must:
 - be on official letterhead
 - state the reason for the involuntary separation from the family
 - contain a statement of 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** letters from persons who know your family situation first-hand. In their letter, each person must:
 - state their relationship to you and the length of time they have known you and your family
 - explain their understanding of your family situation.
 - sign the letter and **have it notarized by a certified notary public.**

If possible, this form and supporting documentation should be submitted to the MCC Financial Aid Office within the same time period that the student applies for their FAFSA.

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

If yes, at what college? _____

Has 2017-2018 FAFSA been completed? YES ____ NO ____

Please note that even 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; 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 information provided. I understand that failure to comply with this agreement could result in the forfeiture of my financial aid eligibility.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

To submit completed form with the required documentation: fax (585-292-3840), email (financialaid@monroecc.edu), or mail it to the MCC Financial Aid Office 1000 East Henrietta Rd Rochester, NY 14623