

Last Name _____ First Name _____ M.I. _____

Middlesex College ID Number _____ Phone Number _____

Based on our 2023-2024 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), you are considered a dependent student, meaning that our application will be considered incomplete without parental income and asset information. However, recognizing that certain special circumstances may exist, Financial Aid Administrators have the ability to make a documented determination of independence based upon other unusual circumstances. Dependency overrides are permitted on truly exceptional circumstances and must be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

All decisions are final and may not be appealed.

Circumstances that **do not** merit a dependency override are:

1. Parents refusing to contribute to the student's education;
2. Parents unwilling to provide information on the application or for verification;
3. Parents not claiming the student as a dependent for income tax purposes;
4. A choice made by the student to move out of his/her parent's home and be financially independent.

Circumstances that **may** be considered for a dependency override evaluation are:

1. Severe estrangement/abandonment from parents;
2. Abusive family environment that threatens the student's health or safety;
3. Unable to locate parents.

Please complete all the following information in preparation of the appeal:

1. Briefly explain the financial circumstance(s) that make you an independent student.

2. Identify the name and location of both of your parents.

Parent 1) Name _____ Cit _____ State _____

Parent 2) Name _____ Cit _____ State _____

3. Describe the last time you had contact with each of your parents here, and the nature and extent of your contact.

4. Check off the box that best describes your relationship with your parents and provide an explanation.

- No communication
- Some Communication: Explain

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