

W&M FINANCIAL AID

2026 - 2027 Dependency Override Form

Name: W&M Student ID #:

A Dependency Override may be considered when there are extraordinary circumstances that prevent you from providing your parents' information on the FAFSA.

The following are examples of circumstances that are eligible considerations for a dependency override:

- Abandonment by parents, and you have not been supported by them for an extended period
- An abusive family environment that threatens your physical or emotional well-being
- Incarceration or institutionalization of both parents

The following circumstances **do not** qualify for a dependency override:

- Parents refuse to contribute to the student's education
- Parents are unwilling to provide information on the FAFSA or verification documents
- Parents do not claim the student as a dependent for tax purposes
- The student is self-sufficient and lives independently

A. Required Documentation

The following items must be submitted for your appeal to be reviewed and considered:

1. Write a personal statement:

- Submit a detailed, typed and signed letter explaining your situation in detail answering the following:
 - Why are you unable to use your biological or adoptive parent's information on the FAFSA?
 - When is the last time you had contact with your parents?
 - Why do you no longer have contact with your parents?
 - Where have you been living and how are you supporting yourself?

2. Provide third-party documentation:

- **Professional statements (required):** You must submit signed statements from at least **two (2)** professionals who can verify your circumstances. Documentation must be signed, dated, and on official letterhead. Acceptable sources include law enforcement officers, licensed counselors or therapists, clergy members, teachers, attorneys, or school counselors. *Letters from friends, peers, or family members do not meet the requirement for third-party professional documentation.*
- **Official/legal documents (if available):** Providing legal or official documentation such as a court order, police report, or government record can strengthen your appeal and support your request.

B. Asset Disclosure

Assets <i>Do not leave any questions blank. Enter "0" if N/A</i>		Student Amount
Cash, Savings, Checking	Enter total balance of cash, savings, and checking accounts as of today.	\$
Child Support Received	Enter the annual amount of child support received for the last complete calendar year. Include all children in family.	\$
Investment Value	Examples include: 529 and college savings plans, trust funds, money market funds, mutual funds, certificates of deposit, stocks, bonds, etc. as of today. <i>Do NOT include IRAs, pensions, or other retirement accounts.</i>	\$
Real Estate Value	Enter the total market value (total value minus debt) of investment real estate (include rental property, land, second or summer homes). <i>Do NOT include primary residence.</i>	\$

C. Financial Support Disclosure

You are required to disclose the type, source, and value of all support you will receive from January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026. Support includes money paid to you directly, money paid on your behalf for educational expenses, rent, food, etc., as well as living space provided free of charge.

Monthly Cost		How The Cost Was Covered
<i>Do not leave any section blank. Enter "0" if N/A</i>		<i>(Employment, Parents, Financial Aid, Partner, Roommate, Savings, IRA withdraw, etc.)</i>
Rent or Mortgage	\$	
Food	\$	
Personal Expenses	\$	
Cell Phone	\$	
Cable/Internet	\$	
Electric/Gas/Water	\$	
Household Supplies	\$	
Gasoline and Auto Maintenance	\$	
Auto Insurance	\$	
Public Transportation	\$	
Medical/Health Expenses	\$	
Educational Cost	\$	
Credit Card Payments	\$	
Other	\$	
Total Cost:	\$	

D. Signatures & Certification

- I certify that all the information provided on this form is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- I understand that if I purposely give false or misleading information, I may be fined, sentenced to jail, or both.
- I understand that the financial aid office may request additional information as part of this appeal process.
- I understand that the submission of this dependency override does not guarantee a change in eligibility

Student Signature

*Signatures must be handwritten. Computer fonts are not acceptable.

Date

Use one of the following methods to return this form	To protect your data, we do not accept documents via e mail attachment	
Online Upload (preferred)	https://www.wm.edu/financialaid/box	
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