



Request for Dependency Override

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION BEFORE COMPLETING REVERSE SIDE...

Financial aid regulations maintain that the family (student and parent/s) must assume the primary responsibility for meeting the student's educational costs for the purpose of attending college. Therefore, your parent/s' information is required in order to determine your eligibility for federal financial assistance, regardless of their willingness to assist you financially.

Living on your own and/or paying your own expenses will not in itself satisfy the criteria for a dependency override, regardless of your age.

Only in **EXTREMELY UNUSUAL documented** situations can these requirements be waived, such as in cases of parental abuse, estrangement, abandonment, drug/alcohol abuse, mental incapacity, or another such situation beyond your control. In cases such as these, the likelihood that the student would return to the parent/s household and/or rely upon the parents for financial support would be very low.

If your situation does not meet this criteria and you cannot provide the necessary documentation (see item III on reverse), you should not proceed with this appeal form.

For additional information, you may contact the Office of Financial Aid.
Return completed forms and other documents to:

**St. Joseph's University Attn: Office of Financial Aid
Long Island and Online Campuses
155 West Roe Boulevard
Patchogue, NY 11772
FAX: 631-650-2525**

**Brooklyn Campus
245 Clinton Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11205
FAX: 718-940-5312**



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Instructions: Complete this form and provide all requested documentation. You will receive a response to your request within approximately two weeks of the date of receipt.

NOTE: We cannot review your request if the necessary documentation is not attached.

I. Name _____ **SS#/Student ID:** _____

Address _____

Date of Birth _____ **Telephone Number** _____

II. Attach a detailed, signed personal statement which includes the following information:

- The specific reason(s) you cannot obtain your parental income information and signature/s in completing the 2025-26 FAFSA.
- The event(s) leading up to your separation from your parent/s, including the date of separation. Describe the current status of your relationship with your parent/s including your last date of contact. You must include information about both parents, even if they were not married at the date of your separation.
- An explanation of your current living arrangements and means of financial support from the date of separation up to the present time.
- If supported by another individual(s) since the date of separation from your parent/s, identify the individual(s), describe the nature of that support and state the period of time supported.

III. Documentation

- Statements from at least two adult sources, both of whom are intimately familiar with your family situation. At least one statement must be from a professional (i.e. guidance counselor, attorney, doctor, clergy member, mental health professional, law enforcement official, etc).
- Proof of income for 2023 (i.e. federal tax return transcripts, W-2 statements, untaxed income/benefits—unless solely supported by another individual).

IV. Certification: I certify that all information I have provided is true and accurate. I understand that providing false or deliberately misleading statements is a violation of federal law and may result in a prison sentence, fines, or both.

Signature _____ **Date** _____