



2026-2027 Dependency Override Request

Section A – Student Information (Please Print Clearly)

Last Name

First Name

M.I.

UIN

When completing the 2026-2027 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), you answered YES to question 7 that asks, “Do unusual circumstances prevent the student from contacting their parents or would contacting their parents pose a risk to the student?”

Section B – Dependency Override Documentation

Check the unusual circumstance that is most relevant and attach the required documentation:

- ___ A. Left home due to an abusive or threatening environment. **Documentation required:** 1. A typed letter explaining the situation, 2. Three signed letters (on agency letterhead) from professionals (i.e. high school counselors, therapist, clergy, police) verifying your situation, and 3. Supporting documentation (i.e. court papers, police reports, records from social services agencies) verifying the unusual circumstance mentioned in the appeal.
- ___ B. Are abandoned by or estranged from your parents. **Documentation required:** 1. A typed letter explaining the situation, 2. Three signed letters (on agency letterhead) from professionals (i.e. high school counselors, therapist, clergy, police) verifying your situation, and 3. Supporting documentation (i.e. court papers, police reports, records from social services agencies) verifying the unusual circumstance mentioned in the appeal.
- ___ C. Have refugee or asylee status and are separated from your parents, or your parents are displaced in a foreign country. **Documentation required:** 1. A typed letter explaining the situation, 2. Original documentation showing designation of status as Refugee or Asylum Granted (I-94, I-94A, or I-571 with proper endorsements), and 3. Supporting documentation (i.e., court papers, police reports, records from social services agencies) verifying the unusual circumstance mentioned in the appeal.
- ___ D. Are a victim of human trafficking. **Documentation required:** 1. A typed letter explaining the situation and 2. A copy of an eligibility letter from Health and Human Services (HHS), a T-visa, or a copy of 1-797 or Notice of Action form from USCIS with a valid expiration date verifying financial aid eligibility.
- ___ E. Are incarcerated, or your parents are incarcerated, and contact with your parents would pose a risk to you. **Documentation required:** 1. A typed letter explaining the situation and 2. A Copy of a court order or official federal or state documentation that you or your parents or legal guardians are incarcerated in any federal or state penal institution.
- ___ F. Are otherwise unable to contact or locate your parents. **Documentation required:** 1. A typed letter explaining the situation, 2. Three signed letters (on agency letterhead) from professionals (i.e. high school counselors, therapist, clergy, police) verifying your situation, and 3. Supporting documentation (i.e. court papers, police reports, records from social services agencies) verifying the unusual circumstance mentioned in the appeal.

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Section C – Student Signature

I certify that the information provided on this form and its attachments are true and correct.

Student's Signature

Date

NOTE: Signatures cannot be typed or stamped. They must be a signature.

Section D – Submission Instructions

What you should do:

1. Complete this entire worksheet. Answer all questions and SIGN the form.
2. Submit ALL documents at the same time.
3. Upload this form and all required documents on the UIC Portal.
 - a. Login to the UIC Portal at <https://my.UIC.edu>
 - b. Click on the "Student" tab
 - c. Click on "Financial Aid Menu"
 - d. You should then be on the Financial Aid "Home" tab
 - e. Choose the 2026-2027 Award Year
 - f. Under Unsatisfied Requirements, click "Choose File"

For additional upload instructions, please visit https://docs.financialaid.uic.edu/docs/PDF_upload_guide.pdf.