

2020-2021 Dependency Override Form

On the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), you answered “no” to all of the dependency questions and indicated that you were unable to provide parental information due to unusual circumstances. Under very limited circumstances, the Financial Aid Office has the ability to review cases and approve dependency overrides.

Please note that none of the conditions listed below, singly or in combination, qualify as unusual circumstances meriting a dependency override:

- Parents refuse to contribute to the student’s education.
- Parents are unwilling to provide information on the FAFSA or for verification.
- Parents do not claim the student as a dependent for income tax purposes.
- Student demonstrates total self-sufficiency.

Unusual circumstances **can include** abandonment by parents, an abusive family environment that threatens the student’s health or safety, or the student being unable to locate his parents.

In order to determine your financial aid eligibility, our Financial Aid Office needs additional information from you. Please complete this form and return all required documents to our office.

Student Information – Please check one and attach required supporting documentation.

Student Name	Date of Birth	LMU Student ID

My request for a dependency override was approved by Lincoln Memorial University last year and my family situation has not changed. Please review my appeal based on this signed statement and the documentation previously provided.

I have an unusual circumstance that merits a dependency override and I am submitting the required documentation listed below:

Personal Statement that is signed and dated by you that addresses the following: detailed explanation of your current relationship with each of your parents and what led to the relationship status, the date on which you last spoke to your parents, and information about where you are living now. **AND**

Supporting documentation (examples: documentation to confirm that a parent is deceased, institutionalized, or incarcerated, documentation confirming a protection/restraining order is in place) **OR**

If you do not have supporting documentation, submit two signed and dated letters written on official letterhead from two different professionals (such as a counselor, minister, attorney, social worker, etc.) that verifies the family circumstances you described in your personal statement.

I do not have an unusual circumstance that would merit a dependency override.

You and one parent **MUST** correct the information on your FAFSA at www.fafsa.gov.

I certify that all information reported is true, accurate, and complete. Purposely giving false or misleading information may result in fines, imprisonment, or both.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____