

# Office of Financial Aid

## 2026-2027 Dependency Override Request

### Provisional Independent Status or Unusual Circumstances

| Student Legal Name (First & Last) | Lewis & Clark ID | Student Email Address |
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Students with unusual circumstances, who are unable to provide parental information on the FAFSA, may request a review of their case to determine if a Dependency Override can be approved. You may use this form if:

- You already submitted the FAFSA and it reflects 'Provisional Independent' status because you indicated unusual circumstances prevented you from providing parent data, or
- You have not yet submitted the FAFSA because you are required to report parent information, but unusual circumstances prevent you from obtaining it.

#### Examples of unusual circumstances that may be considered

- ✓ Abandonment and/or estrangement by parents
- ✓ An abusive family environment / Neglect
- ✓ Incarceration/institutionalization of both parents
- ✓ Parents cannot be located
- ✓ Legally granted asylum

#### Examples of circumstances that would not be considered

- ✓ Parents refuse to contribute to student's education,
- ✓ Parents unwilling to provide information on the FAFSA
- ✓ Parents do not claim the student as dependent for income tax purposes

**Required Documentation:** Use the box below to provide a detailed explanation of your unusual circumstances. Attach additional page, if needed. Sign and date the certification section and submit this form along with signed/dated letters from two people who are neutral third parties familiar with your circumstances (e.g., mentor, school counselor, teacher, therapist, social worker, doctor, religious leader, etc.). It may take up to 30 days to review your request and make a final determination. All information is kept confidential.

By signing this form, I certify that all the information reported is complete and correct. I understand that if I purposely give false or misleading information, I may be fined, sent to prison, or both.

Student Signature

Date

- INCOMING Students: Upload completed, signed/dated form to our secured [LC Portal](#)
- CONTINUING Students: Upload completed, signed/dated form to our secured [FA Document Portal](#)