

WALLACE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SELMA
Request for Independent Student Status
Dependency Override Petition Request
Telephone (334) 876-9296 Fax (334) 876-9366

To be completed by student (please print):

Name: _____ Student "A" ID# _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip: _____ Telephone #: _____

Section I:

According to Federal Aid Regulations, families are responsible for covering the educational costs of their students. To be eligible for financial aid, you must fill out "The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)" and provide financial information for both you and your parent(s). If your FAFSA instructions specify that you need to provide your parent(s)' information, then you are considered a "Dependent Student" by law and must provide their information and signature(s). However, if you have extenuating *unusual circumstances*, you may be able to request to be evaluated as an "Independent Student." The school can review your situation and determine if you qualify for special consideration based on these unusual circumstances. *Please note that a request for consideration of an unusual circumstance does not guarantee approval.*

<p>Some "unusual circumstances" which may qualify as considerations for a dependency override for example...</p>

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parental abandonment of the student, abusive family environment which threatens the student's health or safety• Student's inability to locate parents for a long-term and on-going basis• Parent(s)'s death• Student is at risk of being homeless or unaccompanied homeless• Dependent student marries after the FAFSA was filed• Dependent student becomes active duty military after the FAFSA was filed |
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Please note that a request for consideration of an unusual circumstances requires supporting documents. Failure to submit supporting documentation will result in a denied petition.

Section II:

Please read carefully and select the appropriate circumstance for which you are submitting a petition.

The student must submit a **typed, signed and dated letter detailing the special circumstance** as it relates to both parents.

(A) the death of one/both parents The student must have (his/her) birth certificate and the death certificate of the (deceased) parent. ____ Birth Certificate of Student ____ Death Certificate of Mother ____ Death Certificate of Father	(B) adoption or ward of the court status or foster care The student must have legal court documents. _____ Legal Court Documents
(C) marriage after FAFSA filed The student must have (his/her) marriage license. _____ Marriage License	(D) active duty military after FAFSA filed The student must have (his/her) military documents. _____ Military Documents
(E) abandonment or abusive environment; at risk or unaccompanied homeless The student must have letters to verify current living situation, legal courts, or police documents. ____ Two letters on an official letter head (non-relative) detailing the student's circumstance regarding both parents or legal documents **Two statements must be from a certified person of authority, such as, but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>local school district</i>• <i>homeless liaisons or coordinators</i>• <i>school personnel (teacher, counselor, etc)</i>• <i>authority</i>• <i>court</i>• <i>designee of a federal TRIO or Gear up program grant</i>	

Section III: Read Carefully Before You Sign

I understand that the dependency override petition request is considered on a case-by-case basis each academic year and will require, if deemed necessary, the submission of new or updated documentation each year a petition request is required until **the age of 24, married, or active duty military**. I understand that in order for the dependency override petition request to be evaluated, all forms must be completed and supporting documents submitted. Providing accurate information is crucial as fraudulent information may result in fines and imprisonment.

By signing below, I certify that I understand the above information and all information provided is true and correct.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____