



FLETCHER TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Policy # 2.303

Dependency Override Policy

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PURPOSE:

A Financial Aid Administrator has authority by federal law on a case-by-case basis to override dependency status making a dependent student independent. As a result, there is a change in the data used to compute an applicant's expected family contribution (EFC).

Unusual circumstances that may warrant a dependency override if adequately documented include but are not limited to:

- Your parents are incarcerated
- An abusive family environment
- Abandonment by parents

The US Department of Education has written that none of the conditions listed below, singly or in combination, qualify as unusual circumstances meriting a dependency override:

You do not live with your parents or you are self-sufficient; or

- Your parents refuse to contribute to your college expenses; or
- Your parents do not want to provide their information on your FAFSA; or
- Your parents do not claim you (the student) as an exemption on their income taxes.

POLICY/PROCEDURE:

A student must file:

- Request for Dependency Override form
- Depending on the circumstance for the override, requested documents can include but are not limited to:
 - Copy of student's birth certificate.
 - Federal Tax documents
 - Written personal statement of the unusual circumstances, with documentation, if appropriate.
 - Written statements corroborating the circumstances from two references that may be:
 - High school counselor, principal or superintendent

- Tax accountant and/or attorney
- Director of boys ranches, children’s home, girl’s towns or similar institutions

A written statement justifying the decision, along with all supporting documents reviewed in the determination, will be placed in student’s file. The student will be notified of the decision by email.

Distribution: Distributed Electronically via College’s Internet.

APPROVAL:

Reviewing Council/Entity	Approval Date
College Council	N/A
Executive Cabinet	N/A

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