

The Department of Education requires parental information on the FAFSA except under the following conditions:

- Student is 24 years of age or older-born before January 1, 1997;
- Student is a documented orphan or ward of the court;
- Student is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States;
- Student is an active member of the United States Armed Forces or currently serving on active duty of purposes other than training;
- Student is working on a Master's or Doctorate program during the academic year 2020-2021;
- Student is married as of the day the FAFSA is initially completed;
- Student has legal dependent other than a spouse;
- Student is emancipated minor or in legal guardianship; OR
- Student is someone for who a financial aid administrator makes a documented determination of independence by reason of extenuating family circumstances.

Important: The Department of Education issues guidelines to clarify conditions under which financial aid administrators may appropriately consider request for Independent Status. The following are examples of documented circumstances that could warrant review:

- Long term abandonment by parents
- Social service, police or legal intervention
- Threatening or abusive parent environment

The following are examples of conditions that would not warrant a review nor be considered for this:

- Parents refusing to contribute to student's education;
- Parents unwilling to provide information on the application or for verification;
- Parents not claiming the students as a dependent for income tax purposes;
- Student demonstrating total self-sufficiency

Important-note that if Request is approved at CCC:

- It does not transfer to another institution.
- This form will need to be completed every academic year to continue approval at CCC.

TO BE CONSIDERED FOR REVIEW FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS BELOW –Please submit all items at the same time.

1. Read Section I on the next page carefully and collect appropriate documentation.
2. Complete Sections II and III. **If none of the conditions listed above apply to your situation, do not complete this form.**
3. Complete the Certification Statement below.
4. Attach a signed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), with all the student information completed if you have not already filed your FAFSA. If the FAFSA has been filed, submit this application separately.
5. Return the required information and documentation to the Financial Aid Office. You will receive notification with the final determination.

Request Continuance: To request a continuance of previously approved Request for Independent Status at CCC last academic year, complete Certification Statement below and follow instructions in Section II on next page.

Certification Statement:

All of the information provided by me, or any other person, is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If requested, I agree to provide documentation for any information I have submitted. I understand that purposely giving false or misleading information may subject me to fines, penalties, and/or termination of financial aid.

Student Name (printed)

CCC ID number

Student Signature

Email address

Phone number

