

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, 2002**;
- 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 **2025-2026**;
- 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

SECTION I – EXTENUATING FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCES

Your dependent status will be reviewed if unusual family circumstances exist that make it impossible for you to have contact with your parents. Examples are listed on the first page of this form. If your family situation involves an extreme situation such as those described, you may appeal your dependent status by submitting the following:

- A personal statement in Section II below or a separate sheet of paper describing your special circumstances and means of support, **and**;
- A letter on professional letterhead from a third party (examples: clergy, teachers, counselors, social workers, psychologists, doctors, lawyers) who is familiar with and will verify your family situation and the fact that it is unsafe for you to contact your parents to complete the FAFSA,
- A letter from a relative or a friend who can confirm the circumstances you describe as well.

SECTION II – INDEPENDENT IN PRIOR YEARS – complete for continuance of Independent Status

Have you been approved previously for independent status at Clatsop Community College? Yes No

If Yes, complete Certification Statement on first page and describe current situation in the space provided for personal statement (Section III) for review of continuation of status.

If No, provide copies of original documents submitted at previous institution, or new documents verifying circumstances (Section I).

SECTION III – PERSONAL STATEMENT

If we have asked you to provide a personal statement, you may use this space. Provide enough detail to understand situation and provide dates of circumstances. Incomplete statements will be returned. Attach additional sheet if needed.

For office use only: Approved Denied

Notes _____

____ Signature _____ Date _____