



PROVISIONAL INDEPENDENT OVERRIDE 2025-2026

Student Name: _____ CBU ID Number: _____

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A provisional independent status is a designation that allows certain students to be treated as independent for financial aid purposes, even if they don't meet the standard criteria for independence. Students granted provisional independent status can complete the FAFSA as an **independent student**. They will receive an **estimated Student Aid Index (SAI)** and an estimated Federal Pell Grant; however, to make a final determination, you must complete this Provisional Independent Override form and submit documentation to support your request. The aid administrator will review your request for a dependency override based on your **unusual circumstances**.

A Financial Aid Administrator (FAA) will consider provisional independent statuses on a case-by-case basis for students with unusual circumstances. If the FAA determines that an override is appropriate, you will be granted independent status. If you are not determined to be an independent student, you will only be eligible for a Direct Unsubsidized Loan for the award year unless you subsequently complete the FAFSA as a dependent student.

Unusual circumstances include abandonment by parents, an abusive family environment that threatens the student's health or safety, or the student being unable to locate his parents. In such cases a dependency override might be warranted. However, none of the following conditions, singly or in combination, qualify as unusual circumstances meriting a dependency override: 1. Parents refuse to contribute to the student's education. 2. Parents are unwilling to provide information on the FAFSA or for verification. 3. Parents do not claim the student as a dependent for income tax purposes. 4. Student demonstrates total self-sufficiency.

Documentation must support and include the reason for the decision. Please attach additional sheet, if needed.

Reason:

Decision: ☐ Approved ☐ Rejected

DIRECTOR OR ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

DATE