

- Guidelines for independency status have been established by the Federal Government. A student is considered independent if he/she meets one or more of the following conditions:
 - is 24 years of age by December 31st of the award year,
 - is a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces; or on active military duty,
 - is working on, or pursuing a graduate or professional degree,
 - is married,
 - is (or was) an orphan or ward of the court,
 - has legal dependents other than a spouse,
 - is an emancipated minor,
 - is in legal guardianship,
 - is determined to be an unaccompanied youth who was homeless,
 - is determined to be self-supporting and at risk of being homeless, OR
 - was one of the following since 13
 - You were a ward of the state or court,
 - Both of your parents deceased, or
 - You were in foster care.

- If you meet any of the above criteria, please contact a financial aid counselor.

- If you have **unusual or extenuating circumstances** that would allow you to receive financial aid as an independent student, even though none of the above criteria apply to you, you may appeal for a dependency override to the DePauw Financial Aid Office. Examples that **MAY** qualify for a Dependency Override:
 - Documented abandonment
 - Documented abuse

- Please note that the following **are not** considered unusual or extenuating circumstances and **will not** qualify you as an independent student:
 - you do not reside with your parents,
 - you are self-supporting,
 - your parents refuse or are unwilling to provide their income information, or pay for your college education,
 - your parents are not financially able to pay for education,
 - you were married after you applied for financial aid,
 - you do not want your parent's assistance and have decided to pay for your own college education.

- **A dependency override will not guarantee an increase in your financial aid award.**

STUDENT'S NAME _____ DePauw ID _____

Required Documentation

- A detailed written statement explaining your unusual or extenuating circumstances which you feel should qualify you as an independent student including dates and descriptions of specific incidents (you should include the circumstances of both parents)
- A 2018/2019 FAFSA application (www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- A copy of your 2016 Federal Tax Return (1040EZ, 1040A, 1040), if you filed
- A statement of how you were supported in 2016 if you did not file a federal tax return
- Verification of any and all non-taxable income received in 2016
- At least one letter from a professional or third party, such as a high school counselor, case worker, rabbi, minister, therapist, or other professional who can confirm the unusual or extenuating circumstances in your family. The letter should be on company or organization letterhead and must include the following:
- Their relationship to you and your parents,
 - Their understanding of your family circumstances, and
 - Full contact information including an address, email and telephone number.
- Any other supporting documentation such as proof of parent(s) abandonment, abuse, court documents, police reports, or certificate of death.
- Please send the information to the Financial Aid Office at the following:

Send by Fax: 765.658.4137 (OR) Mail to:

DePauw University
Financial Aid Office
PO Box 37
Greencastle, IN 46135

My signature below signified that the information provided for this appeal is true to the best of my knowledge.

*Student's Signature*_____
Date

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