

**Lamar Community College
2016-17 Dependency Override Request Form
For the Purposes of Federal Financial Aid**

Name of Student: _____

S#: _____ **DOB:** _____

General Information for Requesting a Dependency Status Override

A student who does not meet the federal criteria for independent status on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) may submit this form and supporting documentation for a determination if unusual circumstances exist for granting a dependency status override. The Higher Education Act allows a financial aid administrator to make dependency overrides on a case-by-case basis for students with unusual circumstances.

Note: Parents refusal or unwillingness to contribute to your education and/or student financial independence are not considered extenuating circumstances. Extreme circumstances DO include an abusive family environment or abandonment by parents.

Required Documentation

- 2016-17 Verification Form 6 Independent Student
- Your 2015 tax transcript and/or all 2015 W2 forms.
- A personal letter (typed, signed and dated) explaining in detail the unusual circumstances and why you do not have contact with your parents. Include a description of your living arrangements over the past year and who has provided financial support for you.
- A letter (typed, signed and dated) from a third party, in a position of honesty and not related to you, that can attest to your situation (ie. counselor, teacher, pastor).
- Legal documents to support your request to be deemed independent from your parents (ie. police report, death certificate, court order).

Submit all requirements to the Financial Aid Office.

By signing below, I certify that all of the information on this form and in the supporting documents is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Student Signature

Date