

Name: _____ Westmoreland Student ID# _____

Street: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

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 dependency override. You must complete **all** items on this form. Attach all required and relevant documentation to this form.

Please note that none of the following conditions qualify as unusual circumstances to make a dependency override:

1. Parents refuse to contribute to your education
2. Parents are unwilling to provide information on the FAFSA.
3. Parents do not claim the student as a dependent for income tax purposes; or
4. Student demonstrates total self-sufficiency

You must submit your appeal request with the documentation, as stated below. All requests for Dependency Override will not be processed if your request is incomplete.

- Personal Statement by the Student – attach a typed personal statement that summarizes the unusual circumstances. Your statement must include the following information: 1) last date and nature of parent contact and 2) location of your parents and 3) how you are supporting yourself
- Personal Statement by a Professional Third Party – attach a typed and signed statement on legal letterhead from a third party (teacher, member of clergy, or social worker) summarizing your unusual circumstances and knowledge concerning your relationship with your parents.
- 2015 Federal Tax Return, signed by filing student and/or parent. Preparer’s signature and Preparer Tax Identification Number (PTIN) is acceptable.
- Additional Supporting Documentation – attach copies (if available) of relevant supporting documentation, (e.g. court documents, legal documents, or police report(s).
- 2017-2018 FAFSA on the Web (<http://www.fafsa.gov>) – If you have not yet submitted the 2017-2018 FAFSA, complete and submit for maximum consideration for financial aid from all sources.

I certify that the information submitted is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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