2026-2027 Dependency Override

Student's Name _____ ID#_____

DEPENDENCY OVERRIDES

A financial aid administrator (FAA) may consider a dependency override on a case-by-case basis for students with unusual circumstances. If the FAA determines that an override is appropriate, they must write out the determination and retain it and the supporting documentation. 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 conditions listed below, 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 and should in almost all cases originate from a third party with knowledge of the unusual circumstances of the student.

STUDENTS WHO QUALIFY FOR THIS OVERRIDE ARE ONLY ELIGIBLE FOR UNSUBSIDIZED LOAN

Reason:

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Decision

Approved ___ Rejected ___ _____ _____

Director/Assistant Signature Date