



Financial Aid Office
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DEPENDENCY OVERRIDE 2008-2009

It is the primary responsibility of the family to pay for a student's education. Federal financial aid is intended to supplement the amount that the family pays, based upon the family's financial circumstance. Parent's income **MUST** be considered in determining financial need unless the student meets one of the following.

- 1. Was born before January 1, 1985.**
- 2. Will earn a bachelor's degree during the 2008 – 2009 school year.**
- 3. Is married as of today (answer yes if you are separated, but not divorced.)**
- 4. Is an orphan or ward of the court or was a ward of the court until age 18.**
- 5. Is a veteran of the United States Armed Forces.**
- 6. Has one or more children who receive more than half of their support from the student; or has dependents (other than children or spouse) who live with the student and receive more than half of their support from the student; now and through June 30, 2009.**

Only in instances of unusual circumstance such as abuse in the home, neglect, abandonment, etc., can the Financial Aid Office determine that a student should be considered independent. As a general rule, the student should have been self-supporting for the past two years. A student who simply moves away from his/her parent's home, even though self-supporting, **MUST** provide parental income when applying for financial aid. **THEY ARE NOT INDEPENDENT STUDENTS FOR FINANCIAL AID PURPOSES ACCORDING TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.**

If you believe that your circumstances qualify you for consideration as an independent student, please complete the enclosed application and return it to the TSTC Financial Aid Office along with all required documentation.

******* NOTE *******

If this Dependency Override is denied, your financial aid (grants and loans) will not be processed without your parent's income information.

(Please Print) NAME

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER



DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED!!

In order for your application to be considered, you must submit the following:

- ❑ Attach a signed copy of your 2006 and 2007 income tax returns.
- ❑ Attach a signed copy of your parents 2006 and 2007 income tax returns.
- ❑ Attach a copy of your current lease agreement (if living on campus, attach a copy of your prior lease agreement).
- ❑ Attach FOUR supporting statements:
 - ◆ One statement **MUST** be from a parent.
 - ◆ Remaining three statements may be from adults who can verify hardships within the home that prevented you from residing with your parents. These statements can be written by high school counselors, principals, teachers, clergy members, human services personnel, or close family members.

STATEMENT FROM FRIENDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!!!

The TSTC Financial Aid Office may contact one or more references to obtain additional information.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that all of the information on this form, and attached herewith, is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I agree to provide the documentation requested. I understand that if I do not provide required documentation, processing of this change of status request will terminate. I realize that completion of this form does not indicate confirmation of independent status.

Signature

Date

**DEPENDENCY OVERRIDE APPLICATION
2008-2009**

Name _____ Social Security # _____

Address _____ Telephone# _____

Name of mother _____

Address of mother _____

Telephone # (home) _____ (work) _____

Name of father _____

Address of father _____

Telephone # (home) _____ (work) _____

Marital status of parent: (circle one)

Married Single Divorced Separated Remarried (step-parent)

When did you last live with your parents? _____

Which parent? _____

Why did you leave your parent's home? (If more space is needed, please attach additional sheets)

STUDENT'S INCOME AND RESOURCES

Since you left your parent's home, how have you supported yourself?

	2007	Estimate 2008	Source of Income
▪ Income earned from work:	\$	\$	
▪ Miscellaneous income:	\$	\$	
▪ Other income sources:	\$	\$	
▪ Amount provided by parents:	\$	\$	
▪ Amount provided by other family member(s):	\$	\$	
▪ Amount provided by other(s):	\$	\$	
▪ Gratis contribution support (i.e. free housing, etc.):	\$	\$	
▪ Cash gifts:	\$	\$	
▪ Other:	\$	\$	
TOTAL	\$	\$	

STUDENT EXPENSES

	2007	2008
▪ Tuition & Fees:	\$	\$
▪ Books & Supplies	\$	\$
▪ Car	\$	\$
▪ Housing	\$	\$

List all addresses you have lived at since you left your parent's home.

Address	From	To	Monthly Rent

Was housing owned by a relative? YES or NO (circle one)
If yes, list name and relationship of owner.

NAME: _____ RELATIONSHIP: _____

**DEPENDENCY OVERRIDE REFERENCE FORM
2008-2009**

Name of applicant: _____ SSN: _____

1. How long have you known the applicant? _____
2. Are you related to the applicant? _____ If so, how? _____
3. With whom does the applicant reside? _____
4. To your knowledge, when did the applicant last live with parents? _____
5. Please explain why the applicant was no longer able to live with his/her parents, and why do you feel that this applicant should be considered an independent student. *If you need additional space, please attach a separate sheet.*

I certify that all the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I also understand that I may be contacted if further information is required.

Name of reference: _____

Official title or relationship to applicant: _____

Telephone #: _____ Best time to call: _____

Address: _____

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