

DEPENDENCY OVERRIDE REQUEST – CONTINUING STATUS

Student's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Date of birth: _____

Read instructions on page 2 then complete, sign and return this form to financial aid office.

1. Describe your current relationship with each of your parents including the nature of your most recent contact with each and when that occurred.

Mother: _____

Father: _____

2. Provide a short summary of the unusual circumstances which led to your request for a dependency override. Explain any changes that have occurred since the last time our office performed your dependency override:

3. Describe how you have been supported financially for the last 12 months and where you live: _____

4. Provide other information that you feel is relevant: _____

Check here if you are attaching additional pages because more room is needed. You must **SIGN** any additional pages.

Certification:

I certify that all information reported on this form and all supporting documentation I am submitting to the financial aid office for a dependency status override for federal student aid for the 2020-21 academic year is true, complete and accurate. I understand that if I purposely give false or misleading information, I may be fined, sentenced to jail or both.

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

INSTRUCTIONS:

2020-21 Request for Dependency Status Override - Continuing Status

Federal aid regulations allow the financial aid administrator to make an individual assessment for independent status if there is a documented reason of unusual circumstances which allow the exclusion of parental information. Our records indicate you were granted independent status for federal aid in a prior year using a dependency override approved by our office. Dependency overrides need to be reassessed each year. If you wish to be considered independent for federal aid purposes for the 2020-21 academic year, you must complete the steps as instructed on this form.

Read the information in the box below before submitting this request.

The primary obligation for college expenses rests with the student and his/her parents according to federal aid regulations. The federal government **does not** allow a college to exclude parental income/assets solely for any of the following reasons:

- *Parents refusal to contribute to the student's education*
- *Parents not claiming the student as a dependent for income tax purposes*
- *Student demonstrating total self-sufficiency*
- *Parents unwilling to provide information and/or documentation for the federal application or for verification*

↪ If after reading the information in the box above you want the financial aid office to review your dependency status for reasons other than those listed, complete this form and submit to the financial aid office. If you are unsure how to proceed, call the financial aid office at the phone number at the bottom of this page.

↪ If you made an error on your FAFSA and need to provide parental information, you do not need to return this form. **However, you must add your parent(s)' financial information and signature to the FAFSA before we can process your federal student aid.** You can access your FAFSA online at studentaid.gov.

Complete the following steps to allow our office to consider a dependency status override for you:

1. If you have not already done so, file your 2020-21 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application online at studentaid.gov. Your FAFSA information will be sent to our institution if you provide our college code of **002869**.
2. Submit any additional documentation required by our office for processing your federal student aid. Check **Your Eligibility Requirements** under the financial aid tab of your Banner account at banner.sunyjcc.edu.
3. You must be a matriculated student at JCC for us to consider your request. If you have had a gap in enrollment, please make certain you have reapplied for admission to JCC before submitting this request to our office. Apply online at sunyjcc.edu.
4. Complete page 1 of this form and submit to the financial aid office.

Plan a minimum of four weeks for the review process to be completed after all required documentation has been submitted. If you are approved for independent status the JCC financial aid office will make an adjustment on your Student Aid Report (SAR) reflecting our professional judgment to consider you independent for federal student aid purposes. Written notification of the outcome of this review will be sent to the address the college has on file for you.

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