



**Wharton County  
Junior College**

## Dependency Override Request

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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

In order to process a dependency override, a history of family estrangement and/or dysfunction regarding **both** parents must exist. *The following situations are examples that may qualify you as an independent student: Physical or emotional abuse, severe estrangement, abandonment, incarceration, drug or alcohol abuse, mental incapacity, or other such situations beyond your control. Complete this form in its entirety and submit all documentation at the time this request is submitted.*

- A.** Provide a typed and detailed statement explaining the severe situation(s) that exists in your family preventing you from obtaining your parent's financial information. Include the date and place of your last contact with your parents and how you have been supporting yourself.

Reason for requesting to be independent: \_\_\_\_\_

- B.** Provide two signed statements, on official letterhead, from an objective third party. The attached letters must support, and include the reasons for, the request. Third party letters should include knowledge of the unusual circumstances of the student and must include contact information. Letters attached are from:

\_\_\_\_\_ Minister      \_\_\_\_\_ Social Worker      \_\_\_\_\_ Other      \_\_\_\_\_ High School Counselor  
\_\_\_\_\_ Doctor      \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher      \_\_\_\_\_ Other      \_\_\_\_\_ Mental Health Professional

Reports or documentation attached:

\_\_\_\_\_ Police Report      \_\_\_\_\_ Social agency      \_\_\_\_\_ Other report  
\_\_\_\_\_ Parent's death certificate      \_\_\_\_\_ Court reports      \_\_\_\_\_ Other documentation

- C.** Attach your 2024 IRS Tax Return Transcript, Federal Tax Return, and/or W2 forms as well as the 2026-2027 Family Size Verification Worksheet.

**You are not considered independent solely because you demonstrate total self-sufficiency, your parents are unwilling to provide information on the application or for verification, you do not live with your parents, or your parents do not claim you on their federal or state tax forms.**

### Certification

I certify that the above information is true and accurate. Purposely giving false or misleading information may result in federal fines, jail sentence, or both. False statements or misrepresentations will be cause for denial, reduction, withdrawal, and/or repayment of financial aid. I understand processing time may take 4 to 6 weeks, I may have to submit additional documentation, and I will be notified of the decision in writing to my WCJC email address.

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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