



Financial Aid Office  
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### 2009-2010 Dependency Status Change Request

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Last Name	First name	MI	Student ID Number or Social Security Number
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Mailing Address			Phone Number

The Department of Education considers you a dependent student until the age of 24, unless any one of the following situations applies to you:

- You are married;
- You have a bachelor’s degree;
- You will be working on a master’s or doctorate program at the beginning of 2008-2009;
- You have children who receive more than half of their support from you;
- You have dependents (other than your children or your spouse) that live with you and receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2009;
- You are on orphan or a ward of the court, until the age of 18;
- You are a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces;
- You are currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training.

If you do not meet at least one of the conditions listed above and you were born after January 1, 1986, you are considered a dependent student for financial aid purposes and you must provide your parents financial information on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Nonetheless, Federal guidelines allow schools to exercise “professional judgment” in overriding a student’s dependency status in situations the relationship between you and your parent(s) has been compromised in a serious and ongoing way. **Examples of this include, but are not limited to, where you have experienced verbal or physical abuse, abandonment, or where your physical or emotional welfare is jeopardized by continued contact with your parent(s).** The information you share in this form is kept confidential and any documentation you provide can be returned to you upon your request.

**To request an override of your dependency status by the Cañada College Financial Aid Office you must submit the following:**

- 1) A letter explaining your circumstances and your current living information
- 2) A letter from a teacher, counselor, medical professional, social worker, or clergy who can verify your situation
- 3) A copy of your most recent Federal Income Tax Return

You must also complete all the information on the other side of this form. Do not leave any questions blank. It is important that you be as specific as you can in support of your request. Since each request is unique, additional information may be requested on some circumstances. All requests of “Dependency Override” are done on a case-by-case basis. **All students will be notified by mail of the decision.**

Check here if you have been approved for a Dependency Override in the previous year. If this applies to you and your situation has not changed from last year, sign and date the back side of this form and attach a statement.

