



SAN MATEO COUNTY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Dependency Status Change Request 2012-2013



Last Name	First Name	MI		G00	Student ID
Street	City	ST	Zip	Phone Number	

The Department of Education considers you a dependent student until the age of 24 unless you can answer yes to ANY of the following situations that applies to you:

- I was born before January 1, 1989
- I am married
- I will be working on a master’s, doctorate or graduate certificate program
- I am serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces
- I am a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces
- I have children and I provide more than half of their support
- Since I turned age 13, both of my parents were deceased
- I was in foster care since turning age 13
- I have dependents (other than children or my spouse) who live with me and I provide more than half of their support
- I was a dependent or ward of the court since turning 13
- I am currently or I was an emancipated minor
- I am currently or I was in legal guardianship
- I am homeless or I am at risk of being homeless

If you do not meet at least one of the conditions listed above you are considered a dependent student for financial aid purposes and you must provide your parent(s) financial information on the 2012-2013 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

In some cases federal guidelines allow schools to exercise “Professional Judgment” in overriding a student’s dependency status in certain situations where 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 provide on this form is kept confidential and any documentation you provide can be returned to you upon your request.

To be considered for a dependency override you must submit the following to your home school, whichever college you have the most units:

- A letter explaining your circumstances and your current living situation
- A letter from a teacher, counselor, medical professional, social worker or clergy who can verify your situation
- Court documentation and/or Police Reports
- If you filed or were required to file federal taxes in 2011, please provide a Tax Transcript of your most recent Federal Income Tax Return available on line at www.irs.gov. Look in the “Tools” section. Click “Order a Return or Account Transcript” - Select the “tax return transcript” option – not the tax account transcript). Follow instructions given.
- If you were not required to file federal taxes in 2011 complete the SMCCCD 2012-2013 Student Income Certification Form available from your Financial Aid Office on line from your district college’s financial aid web site.
- 2012-2013 Federal Independent Student Verification Worksheet (available at the Financial Aid Office or online at your college’s web site in the Financial Aid section)

Check here if you have been approved for a Dependency Override during the previous year. If this applies to you and your situation has not changed from last year please submit a statement to that fact.

When was the last time you had contact with your parents? _____

When was the last time your parent(s) provided any form of support? _____

Did your parent(s) claim you on their federal tax returns in the any of the years listed below?

2010 Yes No 2011 Yes No

Will they claim you on their federal tax return in 2012? 2012 Yes No

Are you currently employed? Yes No If Yes – Monthly Wages: \$ _____

Please provide the Name, Address and Phone Number of your current employer:

Do you have other sources of income? Yes No If Yes, please explain below:

Are you paying rent? Yes No If Yes, how much do you pay monthly? \$ _____

Please provide the name, address and phone number of the person to whom you pay rent:

If your Dependency Override is approved, it will be valid for one year only at the SMCCCD college you will attend and only for the academic year for which the override is approved.

If you choose to attend another college, that college must conduct its own review to make an exception. The other college is not bound by the decision a SMCCCD Financial Aid Office has made. Override requests must be renewed each year.

I certify that the above information is true to the best of my knowledge'

_____ Student Signature

_____ Date

Please note: All reviews of "override requests are done on a case-by-case basis". Since each case is unique, additional information may be requested in some circumstances. Please feel free to attach a statement if you feel there is further information that will help the Financial Aid Office staff when reviewing this request.

Office Use Only:

Approved Denied Need Further Information

Reviewer Signature: _____ Date: _____