

Financial Aid Office 2012-2013 Dependency Override Appeal

Student Name			Student ID#	
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Financial aid regulations assume that the family has primary responsibility for meeting the educational costs of students. If you are considered a dependent student according to the financial aid definition, your aid eligibility is determined by using parent information in addition to your information. Dependent students are required by law to provide parental information and signature to be considered for financial aid. Congress has established six criteria that automatically classify a student as independent. If you meet at least one of the following six criteria, you are considered an independent student: Born before January 1, 1989, a veteran of the Armed Forces, enrolled in a graduate or professional degree program (beyond a bachelor's degree in 2012-2013), an orphan or ward of the court, or a ward of the court until age of 18, married, or have legal dependents (other than a spouse) who receive more than half of their support from you.

Occasionally, due to unusual circumstances, students should not be considered as dependent. If you can document why you should be considered independent you may petition for a waiver of federal regulations requiring parental information.

NOTE: None of the conditions below, <u>alone or in combination</u>, qualify as unusual circumstances or merit a dependency override:

- 1. Parents refuse to contribute to the student's education
- 2. Parents are unwilling to provide information on the application or for verification
- 3. Parents do not claim the student as a dependent for income tax purposes
- 4. Student demonstrates total self-sufficiency.

****Please COMPLETE the entire form. ****

Please complete the following and provide the required documentation.

- 1. If you have not already filled out a 2012-13 FAFSA, Please complete it online at www.fafsa.ed.gov or submit a paper copy of the 2012-13 application; you may download a printable version from www.fafsa.ed.gov. For questions and assistance, please call 1-800-433-3243.
- 2. Fill out and submit with this Dependency Override application
- 3. Fill out and submit the 2012-13 Independent Verification Worksheet (<u>www.hgtc.edu</u>, under financial aid forms)
- **4.** Submit a signed copy of your 2011 federal tax transcript. The transcript can be ordered from www.irs.gov or call 800-908-9946. If you didn't file taxes, please provide a notarized statement of support from the individual(s) who supported you, and/or documentation of other assistance (food stamps, social security, etc).

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Please note: Incomplete applications will be returned for completion.