



2020-2021

## Petition for Dependency Override

Name:	Date:
Address:	ID #:
City:	State & Zip:
Email Address:	Phone#:

Parent 1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent 2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

When did you last live with your parents? \_\_\_\_\_

When did your parents last provide any monetary support for you? \_\_\_\_\_

Who do you live with at the present time? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Parent 1- Date \_\_\_\_\_ Parent 2- Date \_\_\_\_\_

How often do you have contact with your parents?

Parent 1- \_\_\_\_\_ Parent 2- \_\_\_\_\_

Did you file the 2020-2021 FAFSA? ..... Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If yes, date filed \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously applied for Dependency Override at BC? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If yes, was your application approved or denied? \_\_\_\_\_ Date of application \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Dependency Override Petition

- Incarcerated Parent(s)
- Abuse
- Parental Abandonment
- Custodial Parent Deceased
- Homeless or At Risk of Homelessness
- Other

**Please attach an explanation of the extenuating circumstances and history of your parental situation.** Outline why you no longer live with your parents, and why they no longer support you. In addition, you are required to include information regarding the whereabouts of both of your biological/adoptive parents within the last five years. Each extenuating circumstance mentioned in your explanation must be supported by applicable documentation (such as police reports or arrest records).

**I certify that the information provided on this form is true and correct. I also understand that by signing this form, I authorize Bloomfield College, Student Financial Services Office, to contact any third-party reference and verify any information supplied on this form.**

Student's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Dependency Override Student Information

The Department of Education determines a student's status as dependent or independent based on the answers the student provides on Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

**The parent(s) unwillingness to financially contribute to a student's education is not a sufficient reason for determining a student's status as independent.** There are specific instances including: parental abuse, parental abandonment, and incarceration of a parent, in which a student **MAY** be considered for a dependency override.

Dependency override consideration requires documentation of the student's parental situation. Documentation should include:

- Letter explaining your parental situation
- Documentation of the parental situation (arrest/incarceration records, death certificate(s), letter from third party i.e. Department of Children and Families, social worker, guidance counselor)

***You must include information on BOTH parents (biological or adoptive).***

Your appeal and supporting documentation will be reviewed. Based on professional judgement of a Financial Aid Administrator, your petition will either be granted or denied and you will be notified via email of the decision.

If your Petition for Dependency Override is approved and you have a completed FAFSA on file for the year under review, the Financial Aid Administrator will send any necessary FAFSA corrections to the U.S. Department of Education. If you have not completed the FAFSA, **you must do so**. The FAFSA may be completed electronically at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov).

**A Dependency Override is granted on a yearly basis. Therefore, a student who was granted a Dependency Override must reapply for a Dependency Override in subsequent academic years.**