

## Appeal for Dependency Override 2016-2017

Appropriate to use if, after answering "No" to all questions regarding your dependency status in Step 3 on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) you still believe you should be considered independent. If you meet the criteria to be considered a Homeless Youth, please see our website and complete the *Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Determination* Form instead of a Dependency Override form.

A review of circumstances is completed affecting the award year only, thus situations that exist between or affect the time frame of **July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017** only, are considered. ***This form and all required documentation must be received 10 business days before the last day of your attendance in this academic year.***

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ID# or last four digits of SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please note:**

- ◆ The unwillingness of your parent(s) to provide parental information or financially support your education is **not** a valid reason for granting an override.
- ◆ Your unwillingness to seek financial assistance from your parent(s) is **not** a valid reason for granting an override.
- ◆ Indiana Wesleyan University **only considers abandonment by parents, irreparable breakdown in the family relationship** due to physical abuse, emotional abuse, or mental incapacity, **or a student being unable to locate all legal guardians as a valid reason for granting a dependency override.**

**Documentation required to complete the adjustment:**

- ✓ Current FAFSA must be submitted
- ✓ Three detailed letters from the following individuals must be submitted.\*Letters must include detailed information outlining the situation and must include contact information for the individual writing the letter.
  - A letter from a professional adult (pastor, guidance counselor, social worker, etc.).
  - A letter from another adult (family member/friend) that knows and understands the situation.
  - A letter from the student requesting the Dependency Override outlining their situation.
- ✓ Include any additional documentation to corroborate the situation (police report, medical report, etc.)

**All steps must be completed for this to be considered by the IWU Financial Aid Office. Additional documentation may be requested.**

I certify the information provided is complete and true to the best of my knowledge. If there are changes to my situation I agree to notify the IWU Financial Aid Office. **I understand that any changes made to my eligibility based on the information provided above only affects the aid received at Indiana Wesleyan University and only affects aid for the 2016-2017 academic year. I understand I will need to submit a renewal form annually to renew my dependency override.**

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Student Signature

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Date

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Director of Residential Financial Aid Signature

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Date