



Petition for Dependency Override 2025-2026

Student Information

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Student Name	Student ID	Student Phone Number
Street Address	City, State	Zip Code

Most unmarried undergraduates under the age of 24 are considered dependent for federal financial aid purposes. If, however, after answering questions on the FAFSA, you are classified as a dependent student and unusual circumstances have caused you to become independent, you may request consideration for a dependency override.

Unusual Circumstances do NOT include:

- Parent(s) refusal to contribute to the student’s education.
- Parent(s) unwillingness to provide information on the FAFSA or for verification.
- Parent(s) not claiming the student as a dependent for income tax purposes.
- Student demonstrates total self-sufficiency.

Important information:

- Examples of situations where petitions may be approved are documented abandonment, parental drug abuse, parental mental incapacity, physical or emotional abuse, parental incarceration or severe estrangement.
- In all cases, independence must have occurred out of necessity rather than choice.
- A successful petition for a dependency override depends on the specific information and documentation you can provide.
- An appointment with a Boise State Financial Aid Counselor is recommended to help navigate the process.

To have your circumstances reviewed, please provide the following:

- 1. Make sure you have submitted your 2025-2026 FAFSA**
 - If you have not submitted your FAFSA, you can do so at [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov). Please contact our office if you have questions.
- 2. Write and submit a signed, personal letter explaining your situation**
 - Please explain the extenuating circumstances that factored into you becoming independent from both parents. Make sure to include timeframes, the last contact with your parent(s), and any other relevant information.
- 3. Submit at least two signed letters from third parties who personally have knowledge of your situation and who can verify or attest to your circumstances**
 - Ideally, at least one letter will be on letterhead from a guidance counselor, physician, social worker, clergy person, or another individual who has been involved in the circumstances in a professional capacity.
 - All letters need to include a telephone number, email and address where the individual can be reached for follow-up questions.
 - If you have questions about this requirement, please contact our office.

SIGNATURE CERTIFICATION: All information provided in my Petition for Dependency Override is correct and true. I understand that the decision is reviewed on a case-by-case basis and any decision made on the basis of this petition only affects my application for aid at Boise State University.

Student Signature (Handwritten or Stylus Required – typed will not be accepted) _____
Date

Deliver to: Boise State Financial Aid Office, Administration Building, Room 124, 1910 University Drive, Boise, ID 83725-1365
Email: FinancialAid@BoiseState.edu | **Phone:** (208) 426-1664

Note: Documents containing Social Security numbers may **not** be accepted via email. Please redact the number(s) or submit a different way.