



# Petition for Dependency Override 2024-2025

## 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.

### Unusual Circumstances:

- 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 are able to provide. Please be as complete as possible.
- An appointment with a Boise State Financial Aid Counselor is recommended in order to help navigate the process.

### 1. Write and submit a personal letter stating your extenuating circumstances.

- Please explain the extenuating circumstances that factored into you becoming independent from both parents.
- When did you become independent? How have you provided for your own basic necessities (shelter, food, clothing, transportation, medical care)?
- Attach supporting documentation, e.g., recent pay stub, lease agreement.

### 2. Submit at least two **signed** letters from third parties who personally have knowledge of your situation and who can verify your circumstances.

- At least one letter must 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.

### 3. Submit your **2024-2025 FAFSA**.

- If you have already submitted your 2024-2025 FAFSA, check this box.
- If you have not yet submitted your FAFSA, please go online to [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) and do so now. If your petition is approved, your financial aid counselor will override your FAFSA on the federal FAFSA website so we can receive your application. If your petition is denied, or more information is needed, you will be notified by email to your BroncoMail address the reason and the next steps to take.

**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.

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

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**Date**

**Deliver to:** Boise State Financial Aid Office, Administration Building, Room 124, 1910 University Drive, Boise, ID 83725-1365  
**Email:** [FinancialAid@BoiseState.edu](mailto:FinancialAid@BoiseState.edu) | **Phone:** (208) 426-1664 | **FAX:** (208) 426-1305

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