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REQUEST FOR CHANGE OF DEPENDENCY STATUS

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Federal student aid programs are based on the principle that students and their families should be the primary source of support for college education. A student who does not meet any of the criteria listed under Step 3 of the FAFSA is considered a dependent student and must provide parent financial information. Under certain extreme circumstances a financial aid office can override a student's dependency status.

Circumstances considered for granting a dependency override:

- Student's removal from parent's home due to situation that threatened the student's health or safety.
- Incapacity of parents to provide information due to medical condition or inability to be contacted.
- Other extreme circumstances that can be sufficiently documented.

Examples of documentation to attach, as applicable to the situation:

- Legal documentation such as arrest reports, court papers, Child Protective Services records, correctional facility records
- Medical documentation such as death certificate, hospital records
- Statement regarding knowledge of your parental situation from an unrelated professional such as a school
 official, minister, social worker, physician, lawyer, law enforcement officer. Statement should include the person's
 full name, title or position, phone number and signature.

Circumstances that are <u>NOT</u> grounds for a dependency status change:

- Student is self-supporting and is struggling to pay for college
- Student has ongoing disagreements with parents
- Parent does not claim student for income tax purposes
- Parent does not contribute to student's education
- Parent/ step-parent refuses to provide information for FAFSA or for verification

Name	OC ID# / SSN		
Mailing Address	_ Birthdate		
City, State, Zip	Daytime phone#		
Have you already filed a current FAFSA?	-	Yes	No
Were you granted a dependency override last year by Odessa College?	_	Yes	No

On the back, please provide as much detail as possible about your relationship with your parents.

Attach an additional sheet if needed. Be sure to include:

- Last time of contact and frequency of contact with each biological parent for the last 3 years
- Circumstances of relationship with parents and why you cannot provide parent financial information
- Your living arrangements for the last 3 years and how you support yourself

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