



# 2026-2027 Dependency Override Request

## Federal Student Aid Program

Your application has been identified for review based on information provided on your FAFSA that may indicate unusual circumstances. This review is conducted through a process called **professional judgment**, which allows Bay Mills Community College to evaluate your situation and determine whether a **dependency override** is appropriate. As part of this process, the Financial Aid Office will review the information you provide on this worksheet along with all supporting documentation. Additional information may be requested if needed to make a determination. A dependency override cannot be considered until all required documentation has been received. You must complete and sign this worksheet and submit all required documents to the Financial Aid Office before your request can be reviewed. Once your documentation is complete, the Financial Aid Office will evaluate your circumstances and notify you in writing of the decision to approve or deny your Dependency Override Request.

Please note: Approval of a dependency override is determined on a case-by-case basis and does not guarantee approval in future academic years if circumstances change or conflicting information is received. All information provided will remain confidential. If you have any questions, please contact the Financial Aid Office at 1-866-967-BMCC.

### A. Student Information

Last Name                                      First Name                                      M.I.                                      Student ID or Social Security Number

Address (include apt. no.)                                      Date of Birth

City                                      State                                      Zip Code                                      Phone Number (include area code)

This form is for **dependent students** who do not meet the federal criteria for "independent" status but wish to have their unique circumstance reviewed in order to be considered an independent student for financial aid purposes. Students who are estranged from their parents due to extreme circumstances (e.g., child abuse, abandonment, family alcoholism or drug abuse, unsuitable household resulting in the child being placed in foster care, etc.) which can be documented by an objective third party may qualify for this professional judgment treatment.

**\* Please Note:** In particular, the following circumstances do not merit a dependency override, either alone or in combination:

- Parents refuse to contribute to the student's education;
- Parents are unwilling to provide information on the application or for verification;
- Parents do not claim the student as a dependent for income tax purposes;
- Student demonstrates total self-sufficiency

Dependency Override Requests will be reviewed on a yearly basis. The determination of the request is the sole decision of each college institution. The student is required to turn in new documentation for every Dependency Override they request. If a student's request is approved one year, it does not mean they have warranted the approval for every year to come.

### B. Required Documentation

1. Check the box that applies:

Orphan or Ward of the Court Documentation

Emancipated Minor Documentation

Legal Guardianship Documentation

Homeless Child or Youth Documentation

HUD Homeless Documentation

Signed Statement from an Objective Third Party  
(e.g., pastor, high school or college counselor, social service agency official, etc.)

