MIRACOSTA COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE  
2015-2016 DEPENDENCY OVERRIDE REQUEST

Name____________________________________________          Student ID#________________________
Address_________________________________________________________________________________
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City/State                           Zip Code                                                   Area Code           Telephone Number

For consideration of your request to be considered and independent student for financial aid purposes, 
additional information and documentation of your family circumstances is required.

Please provide the required documentation listed below:

• Complete PART 1 of the form on the reverse side of this page. Answer all questions in detail and 
  **DO NOT USE N/A**. All questions are applicable, you must provide an answer. Incomplete 
  forms may be denied.

• Complete PART 2 of the form, listing the unusual circumstances of your family and why you 
  believe you should be considered independent for financial aid purposes.

• Take PART 3 of the form to a **third party professional** such as a physician, a counselor, priest, 
  clergyman, or therapist who has knowledge of your situation. Provide a copy of the PART 3 
  instruction page and ask them to complete the form and provide a letter (on letterhead) further 
  detailing your situation.

• Return all documents (at the same time) to the Financial Aid Office.

YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED IN WRITING REGARDING THE RESULTS OF OUR REVIEW.

**DO NOT WRITE IN THIS AREA**

Director____________________________    Date__________________  □ PENDING □ APPROVED □ DENIED

COMMENT:_________________________________________________________________________________________________
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PART 1 – TO BE COMPLETED BY THE STUDENT

Do not submit this petition if you are currently living with or receiving support from your parent(s).

1.) When did you last live with your parents?             MONTH________YEAR________

2.) When did you last receive support from your parents?       MONTH________YEAR________

3.) If you are currently receiving any assistance from them, please indicate what this is_____________________

4.) When was your last contact with your parents (in person, phone, email, etc.)?       MONTH____________YEAR____________

What were the circumstances of this contact?____________________________________________________

5.) What is your parents’ current contact information:

   ● Mother's Name:_________________________________ Telephone#_________________________________

   ● Mother’s Address:___________________________________________________________

   Email Address:________________________________________________________________

   ● Father's Name:__________________________________Telephone#________________________________

   ● Father’s Address:_________________________________________________________________

   Email Address:________________________________________________________________

6.) Indicate the amount and the source of your annual income for 2013 and 2014:

(Example: wages, interest income, monetary gifts from any sources.)

   2013 $________________________________  ____________________________________________________

   2014 $________________________________  ____________________________________________________

7.) Identify type and value of support you currently receive from any other sources:  (Example: car insurance, health

   insurance, room and board, medical expenses, etc., if not being paid by you and/or being paid for you by someone else.)

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This information will remain confidential and will be used to help determine your eligibility for federal
Title IV financial aid funds. Your signature below certifies that you have provided true and accurate
information on this form.

STUDENT’S SIGNATURE:_________________________________________ DATE:________________________
PART 2 – STUDENT CERTIFICATION

Please explain in detail why you are unable to obtain your parent’s information for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

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I certify that this statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

STUDENT’S SIGNATURE:____________________________________ DATE:____________________
PART 3 – THIRD PARTY VERIFICATION

Students, this form is to be completed by third party that knows your situation. Give them a copy of this form for guidance in preparing a statement to support your request for a dependency override.

A third party is typically a professional such as a teacher, counselor, medical authority, member of the clergy, prison administrator, government agency, or court. Statements from friends or family members are not considered acceptable documentation.

The student named above has applied for financial aid at MiraCosta College and has indicated that s/he is unable to provide parental information due to unusual circumstances. Unusual circumstances include abandonment by parents, an abusive family environment that threatens the student’s health or safety, or the student being unable to locate both parents. None of the following conditions, singly or in combination, qualify as unusual circumstances (though they may be the cause of any of the conditions listed previously):

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

Please provide a letter (on letterhead) under separate cover, stating your knowledge of the student's family history and relationship with parents. In your statement, specifically address the following:

1.) How long have you known the student?
2.) What is your relationship to the student?
3.) Why do you believe that the student is unable to provide parental information?
4.) What is the last date you are aware that the student:
   - received financial support from parents?
   - lived with parents?

CERTIFICATION: This information will remain confidential and will be used to help determine the student's eligibility for federal Title IV financial aid funds.

NOTE: Your signature and contact information (business card preferred) must be included.

SIGNATURE ___________________________ DATE ___________________________

Print Name ___________________________

Telephone Number (_______) __________________________