

# Request to Change Dependency Status 2020-2021 (Dependency Override)

Financial Aid Office  
Bristol Community College 777 Elsbree Street Fall River, MA 02720

## Information and Instructions

The Financial Aid Office may consider exceptional/unusual circumstances to allow an otherwise dependent student to apply for aid without parental financial information.

Only extreme, documentable cases in which parents' information cannot be obtained due to estrangement will warrant a change from dependent to independent status.

Note: Several conditions that do not qualify as unusual circumstances, either individually or in combination, include:

- parents who refuse to contribute, are unwilling to provide information, or
- do not claim the student as an income tax dependent, or
- students who demonstrate total self-sufficiency
- Also, the fact that a student's parents live in another country does not qualify as an unusual circumstance.

A student who does not qualify for a dependency override can complete the Parent Refuse Form to receive consideration for an unsubsidized loan.

To request consideration for a dependency override, two statements must be completed. Submit both documents to the Financial Aid Office at the same time.

1. Student's Personal Statement (page two of this form)
2. Counselor Statement
  - The statement must be on business letterhead
  - The statement must be from an individual who has an established professional counseling relationship with the student and/or the student's family
    - A social worker, professional counselor, high school guidance counselor, clergy are examples or individuals who typically submit this documentation
  - The statement should describe the professional relationship with the student; explain knowledge of the student's estrangement from family, and state why the student is unable to obtain parental information and assistance.
  - A statement from a family member, relative, or friend does not meet this requirement.



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## Student Statement

To be completed by the student

### Separate Address Verification

Bristol ID number: 900 \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

### Financial Support

What was your total income for the year:

2018 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Living arrangements: \_\_\_\_\_  
2019 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Living arrangements \_\_\_\_\_  
2020 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Living arrangements \_\_\_\_\_

When was the last date you lived with your parent(s)? Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

When was the last date your received financial support from parent(s)? Month \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**Describe your relationship** with your parents and why they are unable to provide you with their financial information. Attach additional pages if necessary.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Submit these documents, at the same time, in a confidential envelope:

1. Student Statement *and*
2. Counselor Statement

Return to: Financial Aid Office, Bristol Community College, 777 Elsbree Street, Fall River, MA 02720