

**FINANCIAL AID OFFICE
DALLAS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
DEPENDENCY STATUS CHANGE REQUEST**

Many students consider themselves self-supporting because they do not receive financial support from their parents and/or do not live in their parent's home. A student may even qualify as "self-supporting" for income tax purposes, but the US Department of Education uses stricter rules for financial aid purposes. The [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#) (FAFSA) requires an applicant to include parent information unless one or more of the following criteria is met.

1. Age 24 by January 1 of the financial aid award year
2. Veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces or currently on Active Duty
3. Enrolled in Masters/Doctorate program
4. Married prior to signing and submitting the FAFSA
5. Orphan or ward of the court at any time after age 13
6. Supporting legal dependents other than a spouse
7. Declared an emancipated minor by a court or declared homeless after July 1, 2008

If you do not meet at least one of these seven conditions, you must complete the [FAFSA](#) as a dependent student and include parent information. If your parents are divorced and your custodial parent has remarried, your stepparent's information must be included as well.

Within the DCCCD, the only exceptions to the dependency rules are those rare instances where it can be proven and ***documented*** that there has been a "total breakdown" in the student-parent relationship. Examples of "total breakdown" include parental abandonment, or the removal of the student from the home due to an abusive environment. If you believe that you have experienced a total break in the relationship with your parent, you must provide the following items to the [Financial Aid Office](#).

1. Completed "*Student Statement for Dependency Change*"
2. Completed "*Dependency Change Personal Data*"
3. Copies of student federal income tax returns for the previous two years
4. A completed [FAFSA Worksheet](#), or Student Aid Report
5. Two completed "*Dependency Change References*"

Students who submit all of the required items will be notified by mail or e-mail when a decision regarding dependency status is reached. **Submitted statements should be typed. Incomplete requests will not be processed.**

CAUTION: Completing the FAFSA incorrectly can seriously delay the processing of your application. If you have questions regarding your dependency status, contact the [Financial Aid Office](#).

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DEPENDENCY CHANGE PERSONAL DATA**

Student Name: _____ Student ID#: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

Please type or clearly print the required information:

1. Father's Name: _____

Father's Street Address: _____ Zip Code _____

2. Mother's Name: _____

Mother's Street Address: _____ Zip Code _____

3. Enter month/year that you last lived with: Father: _____ Mother: _____

4. Enter month/year you last received support from: Father: _____ Mother: _____

5. Explain how you supported yourself after independence from your parents: _____

Beginning with the year that parental support stopped, please provide your information.

YEAR	2006	2007	2008	ESTIMATE-2009
Income/Wages				
Savings				
Benefits (Social Security, Child Support, AFDC, Unemployment, Food Stamps)				
Financial Aid Received				
Room/Board provided by others				
Other (explain)				

By my signature, I certify that the information provided on this statement is true and complete.

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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