



Le Moyne College Financial Aid Office
DEPENDENCY OVERRIDE FORM – NEW STUDENTS

Students who do not meet the statutory definition for independent status for federal/state financial aid may request a dependency override. To be considered independent the student must be able to document unusual or extenuating family circumstances.

Transfer students who were previously granted a dependency override at another school must be approved by the institution. This includes submitting all required documentation.

Please complete sections A and B below and submit any of the required documentation.

A. Extenuating Circumstances:

Indicate the month and year you last lived with either parent. ____ / ____

Please submit, on a separate piece of paper, the reason(s) that you left your parents' household and the extent of the contact you have with either parent at this time. In this letter please indicate where and with whom you are currently residing and how you are being supported.

B. Supporting Documentation:

Submit at least one letter from a reliable third party who can support and verify your circumstances. The party writing on your behalf must have first-hand knowledge of your situation and provide a comprehensive description of the situation. (Reliable third parties may include, but are not limited to counselors, members of the clergy, social workers, teacher, attorney, etc)

Any other documentation you would like to submit to support your request. (Examples include police reports, court documents, etc.)

Please Note: Federal guidelines regarding dependency overrides clearly indicate the following situations do not qualify as extenuating circumstances and therefore would not result in a dependency override

1. Parents refusing to contribute to the student's education.
2. Parents unwilling to provide information on the application or for verification.
3. Parents not claiming the student as a dependent for income tax purposes.
4. Student demonstrating total self-sufficiency
5. Situations within your control (ex. Parents did not like the person you were dating so you moved out)

The federal government has left the final decision on independence to financial aid personnel at Le Moyne College. You will be notified by the Financial Aid Office once a decision has been made with any further instruction if necessary as soon as possible, but no later than 60 days after you have submitted this form. Once a student has obtained a dependency override determination from our institution, they will be considered independent for each subsequent award year at Le Moyne College unless the student informs the institution that circumstances have changed, or the institution has specific conflicting information about the student's independence.

All students must sign the certification below:

I certify that the information provided is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I consent to the verification of any statement made herein. I also understand that the decision of the committee is final.

Student Name: _____ Date: _____d by
Student Signature. _____

