



Le Moyne College Financial Aid Office

DEPENDENCY OVERRIDE FORM – NEW STUDENTS

To be considered independent the student must be able to document unusual or extenuating family circumstances. Until you meet the statutory requirements for independent status, you must go through the same process each academic year.

Transfer students who were previously granted a dependency override at another school must be approved by Le Moyne College. 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 two (2) letters from reliable third parties who can support and verify your circumstances. The parties 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.) If you are unable to obtain documentation from two third parties, please contact our office.

- 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. We are required to provide evidence each year of your independence and that it is either beyond your control or in the best interest of your physical and/or psychological well-being to leave your parents household. You will be notified by the financial aid office once a decision has been made with any further instruction if necessary.

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: _____

Approved by FA. _____

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