



DIVISION OF ENROLLMENT  
Financial Aid & Scholarships

## 2025-2026 Unusual Circumstances Dependency Override Request

Submit this form if you have an unusual circumstance that prevents you from contacting your parents or obtaining their information to fully complete your 2025-2026 FAFSA as a dependent student.

### SECTION A: STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Name	UNT Assigned ID

### SECTION B: INSTRUCTIONS

Please follow the steps below to be considered for a Dependency Override. Your request will not be processed unless **all** requirements are met.

1. Attach a typed personal statement explaining reason(s) for this request, your relationship with both parents (biological or adoptive, whichever is applicable) including timeline of events, current living arrangements and how you support yourself.
2. Attach documentation that supports your request:
  - Legal documentation (i.e., police/incident reports, court orders, Child Protective Service (CPS) documentation, proof of incarceration or institutionalization, death certificate, asylum, or refugee status, etc.) **or**
  - At least two (2) statements by relevant third parties that confirm the relationship with your parents. A relevant third party should be a professional, such as clergy, counselor, teacher, lawyer, etc. A personal acquaintance or family member is not considered an acceptable third-party.

**NOTE:** If you do not have legal documentation and are unable to obtain professional references, please clearly address the circumstances in your personal statement as to why there is no supporting documentation.

3. Return all documents to our office: <https://financialaid.unt.edu/upload>
4. Monitor your EagleConnect email account for a decision regarding your request. Requests for additional documentation will be emailed to your UNT EagleConnect email account.

### SECTION C: CERTIFICATION

I am requesting consideration for a Dependency Override at the University of North Texas. I certify that I have no contact with my parent(s) or contacting my parent(s) poses a risk. I request consideration to be an independent student for financial aid purposes due to a breakdown in my family structure caused by abuse, abandonment, estrangement, or neglect. I have attached the required documentation to this form. I understand that I must sign and return this form for my financial aid to be processed. **Handwritten signature is required. Electronic, typed or font signatures are not accepted.**

Student Signature

Date

X \_\_\_\_\_

**Return this completed form with any required documentation to:**

Financial Aid & Scholarships, University of North Texas - 1155 Union Circle #311370, Denton, TX 76203-5017  
or fax to (940) 565-2738 or save as PDF and upload at <https://financialaid.unt.edu/upload>