

2026-2027 Application for Dependency Override

Instructions for Requesting a Dependency Override – The Dependency Override Request Form is not available on the Haskell Indian Nations University (HINU) website. Students must obtain the form directly from the Financial Aid Office.

This process is intended to ensure that an assigned Financial Aid Office representative can meet with the student and provide a thorough explanation of the Dependency Override process, eligibility requirements, required documentation, and next steps. This one-on-one discussion helps promote transparency, accuracy, and understanding before the student completes and submits the form.

If you believe you may qualify for a Dependency Override, please contact or visit the Financial Aid Office to speak with a Financial Aid representative and request the appropriate form. The representative will review the process with you and answer any questions you may have prior to completion and submission.

1. Complete the FAFSA for the applicable award year.
2. Schedule an appointment with a Financial Aid Office (FAO) staff member for guidance regarding the Dependency Override process.

FAO Assigned Representative: PLEASE CIRCLE ASSIGNED STAFF MEMBER

Student Last Name- Assigned by Student Last Name

Leslie Dull (A-I)

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3. Gather all required documentation needed to support your Dependency Override request.
4. Submit the completed Dependency Override packet to the Financial Aid Office.
5. Upon submission, the packet will be reviewed on the spot for completeness. ○ If the packet is complete, it will be:
 - Date-stamped and accepted by the Financial Aid Office.
 - A date-stamped copy will be provided to the student for their records.
6. The student must sign the Financial Aid Office Acknowledgment Form, confirming that: ○ The Dependency Override Request packet was accepted, and a student copy was provided.
7. Determination Timeline ○ The Financial Aid Office will review completed Dependency Override requests and make a determination within 5– 10 business days from the date the completed packet is received.
 - Document Tracking will be established at this point for student tracking/portal.
 - Standard Allowable Timeframe: While the federal handbook does not set a universal 60-day deadline, many schools follow a 60-day review window from the date the student submits a dependency override request.
8. FSA System – completed/accepted packet will be entered into the FSA System. Within 3-5 business days, the student will be required to return to the Financial Aid Office to sign the correction, 3-5 days after it has been made. Your assigned FAO representative will reach out to you to return for a signature,
9. Processing Financial Aid ○ Determination and financial aid processing are separate steps.
 - Once a determination has been made, any necessary updates to the students' FAFSA and financial aid records will be processed according to established Financial Aid Office procedures in the order they are received. ○ Processing times may vary depending on the volume of requests and any additional information required.

Student's Name: _____ Student's ID#: _____

Phone Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Federal regulations (Public Law 102-325, Sec. 480 (d) require that the Financial Aid Officer consider parent information and expected parent contribution for students unless the student meets one of the following conditions:

1. Is 24 years old or older by December 31 of the current award year,
2. Is married as of the date he/she applies,
3. Is currently serving on active duty for purposes other than training,
4. Is a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces,
5. Has children and/or dependents other than a spouse who will receive more than half of their support from you during the award year,
6. At any time since you turned age 13, both parents were deceased, were in foster care, or were a ward of the court,
7. Is an emancipated minor or is was in legal guardianship as determined by a court in your state of legal residence,
8. Was determined at any time since July 1, 2024, to be an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or self-supporting, and at risk of being homeless as determined by:
 - a. Your high school or school district homeless liaison,
 - b. The director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, or
 - c. The director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program.

The parent's unwillingness (versus inability) or refusal to assist the student cannot be grounds for a dependency override. The Financial Aid Office may be able to override your dependent status only if unusual circumstances existed that made it impossible for you to have reasonable contact with your parents. If your family situation involves extenuating circumstances sufficiently documented, you may request a review of your dependency status by submitting:

- A. A personal notarized statement describing the relationship between you and your parents and the specific reasons you are unable to secure their cooperation in completing the parent information section of your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). OR
- B. At least one statement on official letterhead paper from an external (third-party) source who can document, verify, and support your situation (e.g., social workers, counselors, clergy members, or teachers).

Student's Signature

Print Name

Date

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Haskell Notary: Haskell Bank – Jeri Sledd (Do not sign the form until you are in the presence of the notary with your ID)

When was the last time you lived with your parent(s)? Month/Year _____
When was the last time you had any contact with your parent(s)? Month/Year _____
When did your parent(s) last provide any form of financial support? Month/Year _____

Clearly explain your current living arrangements, including dates.

How do you financially support yourself and your living arrangements?

Any members (aunt, uncles, or other members listed in your statement as the primary person you may be living with will need to sign the notarized document – see page 1 for items A or B.

RETURN THIS FORM ALONG WITH OTHER REQUIRED NOTORIZED DOCUMENTATION TO HASKELL FINANCIAL AID OFFICE, THE FORM WILL BE DATE STAMP AND A COPY WILL BE PROVIDED TO YOU AT THE TIME OF DROP OFF.

STUDENT COPY RECEIVED: _____ **DATE/FAO STAFF MEMBER:** _____

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information I have provided regarding my request is true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand this information will be used to document my request for a dependency override and submit corrections to my FAFSA. By signing this application, I agree that if asked to provide information, I will verify the accuracy of my request. I understand that if I purposely give false or misleading information in connection with my application for federal student aid, I may be fined, sent to prison, or both.

I understand that if I move back with my parent(s) or receive any kind of parental support, I must report this to the Office of Financial Aid immediately.

Federal Regulations and Institutional Review

Dependency Override requests are reviewed in accordance with the Higher Education Act (HEA), Section 479A, which grants Financial Aid Administrators the authority to exercise professional judgment on a case-by-case basis when determining whether unusual circumstances warrant changing a student's dependency status for federal financial aid purposes.

Important: Submission of a completed Dependency Override packet does not guarantee approval. All requests are reviewed on a case-by-case basis in accordance with federal regulations and institutional policies before a final determination is made. If approved, the student will not need to reapply for the Award Year.

Final Decision Authority

Pursuant to Section 479A of the Higher Education Act, the final determination regarding a Dependency Override request rests with the Financial Aid Office through the professional judgment of an authorized Financial Aid Administrator. All decisions are made on a case-by-case basis after review of the student's documentation and circumstances. The Financial Aid Office's determination is final and cannot be appealed to the U.S. Department of Education.

Student Initials _____

Staff Initials _____

Date & Time Form Issued: _____

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Dependency Override Outcome: Semester

Denied

Approved _____

Financial Aid Officer Signature

Date _____