

Houston Barber School – Dependency Overrides Procedures

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Federal Student Aid determines a student's status as dependent or independent by the answers the student provides on the thirteen questions listed in Step 3 of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students are classified as dependent or independent because federal student aid programs are based on the principle that students (and their parents or spouse) are considered the primary source of support for postsecondary education. The Dependency Override process is used to address on a case-by-case basis a student who claims to be independent but does not meet the federal criteria. The student must demonstrate unique and extenuating circumstance. Institutions may use a dependency override determination made by a Financial Aid Administrator at another institution in the same or prior award year/ For more detailed information on types of extenuating circumstances given consideration and requirements for submitting a "Dependency Override Form: Contact the Financial Aid Office.