

Dependency Override Appeal  
2022-2023

Lakeland ID Number (LID) 

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Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

The U.S. Department of Education determines a student's dependency status for financial aid purposes through a series of questions on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). If you are unable to answer yes to any of the questions on the FAFSA regarding dependency status, you are considered a dependent student. If you are dependent by the definition determined by the FAFSA but have a unique situation (example: abuse, abandonment or neglect) and would like to request that you be considered an independent student, please complete this form and attach the following:

1. Appropriate documentation to support your request. **Appeals will be denied unless supporting documentation is attached.** Examples of appropriate documentation may include:
  - Court documents
  - Police reports
  - Reports from social service agencies

All documents must be official and from third-party professionals (not originating from the student, family or friends). Examples of third-party professionals include judges, government officials, case workers, clergy and high school counselors. Letters of documentation need to be on official agency letterhead and/or notarized.

We are unable to take into consideration the following reasons:

- Parent refusal to contribute to the student's education.
  - Parent unwillingness to provide information on the FAFSA.
  - Parent unwillingness to provide income verification documentation.
  - Parent does not claim the student as a dependent for income tax purposes.
  - Student demonstrates total self-sufficiency.
2. A completed 2022-2023 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), if you have not already submitted it yourself online.
  3. Copy of your 2020 Federal Tax Return Transcript unless you used the IRS Data Retrieval Tool when you completed your FAFSA. –OR–

Please check here if you did not file or were not required to file a Federal Tax Return for 2020.

**And, attach all W-2s and Verification of Non-filing Letter for 2020 from the IRS: [Form 4506-T](#).**

If your appeal is approved, you will be notified by email and the financial aid office will file your 2022-2023 FAFSA electronically as an independent student. If your request is denied and you still wish to apply for financial aid, you must file the FAFSA yourself providing parental information.

By signing this form, I certify that all the information reported to qualify for federal student aid is complete and accurate.

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please summarize your situation explaining why you feel you should be considered an independent student (attach extra sheets if necessary).

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Please explain your current living arrangements (i.e. with whom do you live, who is paying rent, utilities, etc.)

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If you had income from work but did not file a 2020 Federal Tax Return, please submit a Verification of Non-filing Letter from the IRS and attach all W-2s.

If a W-2 was not issued, please provide the information below:

Employer's Name	Amount Earned in 2020
	\$
	\$
	\$

**Complete this appeal and return:\***

- By Fax:** 440.525.7704
- By Mail:** Lakeland Community College • 7700 Clocktower Drive • Kirtland, OH 44094-5198
- By [Secure Upload](#):** Visit [lakelandcc.edu/financialaid](http://lakelandcc.edu/financialaid) • Under Related LINKS (right side of page), select Financial Aid Documents Secure Upload link
- In Person:** Lakeland Student Service Center • located in Building A-1003

*\*Please do not send documents through email as it is not a secure format.*

\_\_\_\_\_ *For Office Use Only* \_\_\_\_\_

Approved/Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous appeal on file: \_\_\_\_\_

Denied: \_\_\_\_\_

FAFSA on file      Date FAFSA correction sent: \_\_\_\_\_

VERIF: \_\_\_\_\_      Used DRT?  Y  N      TRANS: \_\_\_\_\_      EFC: \_\_\_\_\_      BUDG: \_\_\_\_\_

Initials: \_\_\_\_\_      Date: \_\_\_\_\_