2021-2022 Dependency Override Request Form

SECTION A: STUDENT INFORMATION
Name: TXWES ID:

SECTION B: FEDERAL GUIDELINES
Federal student aid programs are based on the premise that you and your family bear the primary responsibility for financing your education. However, the federal government recognizes exceptions to this rule. Under certain conditions, Texas Wesleyan University may be able to grant an otherwise dependent student, independent status. Students may request an override based on unusual or extenuating circumstances.

These are generally severe circumstances within your family that prevent you from obtaining your parent's financial information. None of the reasons listed below single or in combination qualifies as unusual circumstances meriting a dependency status override:
• You do not live in your parent’s home
• You support yourself without assistance from your parents
• Your parents do not claim you on their federal taxes
• Your parents cannot afford or refuse to help with college or living expenses

If you feel your situation warrants an override, please carefully read all instructions, complete all sections of the Dependency Override form, and provide the required documentation.

SECTION C: INSTRUCTIONS

Write a personal letter of appeal explaining the reason for your request for a dependency override. The letter should provide as much detail as possible, describing your separation from your parents. You are required to include the following documentation:

• The whereabouts of your biological parents and their current living arrangements. Include the last contact you had with your biological parents and the frequency of contact with them over the past year(s).
• Why you cannot provide parental information on the 2021-2022 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Please include any supporting documents.
• Your living arrangements over the past year(s); with whom you have lived with and who has provided financial support for you. Provide letters from two individuals who can attest to your situation. Their letters should be one to two pages in length and provide as much detail as possible describing your separation from your parents.
• Two letters from professional individuals not related to the student (i.e., counselor, social worker, teacher, clergy, police, etc.) that can attest to your situation. Please submit on the organization’s letterhead, and sign.
### SECTION D: CONDITIONS AND ACTIONS

Please check one of the conditions below and complete the requirements for your selection.

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<th>Conditions</th>
<th>Actions</th>
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<td>☐ This is my first request for a dependency override</td>
<td>You must complete all remaining sections of this form.</td>
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<td>☐ I was not approved for independent status by TXWES for the 2021-2022 academic year.</td>
<td>You must complete all remaining sections of this form.</td>
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<td>☐ I was approved for independent by TXWES for the 2020-2021 academic year and there have been no changes in my status.</td>
<td>You must complete this form but are not required to submit a letter of explanation or third party letters</td>
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<td>☐ I was approved for independent status by TXWES for the 2020-2021 academic year, but there have been changes in my status.</td>
<td>You must complete all parts of this form.</td>
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<td>☐ I became married after completing the FAFSA.</td>
<td>• You must submit a copy of your marriage certificate</td>
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<td>• Copy of your spouse's 2019 tax return/transcript</td>
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<td>• Copies of your and your spouse's W-2's.</td>
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<td>• Household Size Verification Form</td>
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### SECTION E. PARENTAL SUPPORT

Where do you live?  ☐ With parents  ☐ On campus  ☐ Off campus  ☐ Other

You may be asked to provide documentation about your expenses.

### SECTION F. CERTIFICATION

**NOTE:** The decision of the Office of Financial Aid at Texas Wesleyan University is final and cannot be appealed to the U.S. Department of Education. A Dependency Override Form must be submitted each year an override is requested.

I certify that all the information contained on this form is complete and correct. I understand that I must complete all sections, sign and return this form for my acknowledgment to be processed for the scholarship consideration. I understand that it may take 5 – 7 business days for this request to be processed. Electronic signatures are not accepted.

Student Signature: _______________________________  Date: __________________________