

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

2022-2023 Request for Independent Status

Student First Name: _____ Student Last Name: _____ ID: _____
DOB: ____/____/____ Primary Phone #: (____) _____ - _____ Secondary Phone #: (____) _____ - _____

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM

NOTE: None of the conditions listed below qualify as unusual circumstances meriting a dependency override. If this is the case, [please stop here](#). A dependency override will not be granted.

1. Parents refuse to contribute to the student's education.
2. Parents are unwilling to provide information on the FAFSA or for verification.
3. Parents do not claim the student as a dependent for income tax purposes.
4. Student demonstrates total self-sufficiency.

STEP 1: If any of the below circumstances apply to you, please proceed to step 2. For your petition to be considered:

1. You must not have been claimed as a tax exemption by any parent or step-parent in 2020 or 2021.
2. You may not have lived with your parents for the last 2 years.
3. Any unusual circumstance not already listed on this form. Unusual circumstances include an abusive family environment or abandonment by parents.

IMPORTANT: Once you have submitted your request for independent status, please **DO NOT** make any corrections to your FAFSA application as it may cause a delay in your request.

STEP 2: Indicate whether you are requesting a dependency override for the first time, or are requesting a renewal of a previously granted dependency override.

_____ **NEW REQUEST** FOR INDEPENDENT STATUS CHECKLIST (PJDO)

If this is your first time submitting a dependency override request, please turn in all of the following information at the same time. We cannot process a request without all documentation, and additional documentation may be requested.

- A copy of your 2020 federal income tax return transcript (must be from IRS office) or IRS Data Retrieval on FAFSA and W2's, and any income or resources received in 2020 that are not reported on your tax return.
- A signed personal statement from you explaining your extenuating circumstances. *Attach any relevant documentation that you think may support your petition.*
- Complete pages 1-4 of this form in its entirety and sign and date it
- Attach at least one letter from a friend or relative that can attest and describe your extenuating circumstances.
- Attach another letter from a professional such as doctor, teacher, clergy, or counselor who can attest to your situation (must use official letterhead or stationery).
- Documentation of where you have lived since January 2020 (e.g., signed lease agreements, housing contract, statement from person providing housing and relationship to you).

_____ **RENEWAL** REQUEST FOR INDEPENDENT STATUS CHECKLIST (PJDOR)

If you were granted a dependency override in 2021-2022, please turn in all of the information listed below. We cannot process a request without all documentation, and additional documentation may be requested.

- Submit updated letter detailing the special circumstance that makes you independent from your parents.
- A copy of your 2020 federal income tax return transcript (must be from IRS office) or IRS Data Retrieval on FAFSA and W2's, and any income or resources received in 2020 that are not reported on your tax return.
- Complete pages 1-4 of this form in its entirety, sign and date it.

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STEP 3: Complete the tables below by selecting the applicable box.

TABLE 1: LIVING ARRANGEMENTS

	On-Campus	Off-Campus	With Parents	Other
Where did you live in 2020?				
Where will you live in 2021?				

TABLE 2: STUDENT ASSETS

Current balance of cash, savings and checking	\$
Current net worth of investments, including real estate (not your home)	\$
Current net worth of business and/or investment farm	\$
Other untaxed income (includes any child support received)	\$

STEP 4: Please provide a detailed statement explaining your extenuating circumstances (**attach any relevant documentation that you think may support your petition**). If additional space is needed, please attach signed statements.

Please Print Your Statement

Certifications and Signatures

By signing this form, I certify that all information reported on this worksheet is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. I authorize the Financial Aid Office to make corrections necessary to resolve any discrepancies found. **WARNING: If you purposely give false or misleading information on this worksheet, you may be fined, sentenced to jail, or both.**

Student Signature _____

Date ____/____/____

Submitting documents. You may submit your documents in several ways:

- Email to: finaid@utrgv.edu
- By mail to: **UTRGV U Central**, Visitors Center 1.113, 1201 W. University Drive, Edinburg, TX 78539
- Physical Drop off to locations listed below:

Brownsville U Central Location: The Tower, Main 1.100 One West University Blvd. Brownsville, Texas 78520 Ph: (888) 882-4026	Edinburg U Central Location: Student Services Bldg., First Floor 1201 West University Drive Edinburg, Texas 78539 Ph: (888) 882-4026
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Independent Verification Worksheet

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Student's Name: _____ Student ID: _____

Your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) was selected for a process called verification. Please answer the following questions to verify information reported on your FAFSA, then electronically sign the document by pressing 'Sign' and submit the form by clicking 'Finish'.

HOUSEHOLD SIZE

List the people in your household, including:

- Yourself (and your spouse, if applicable).
- Your children only if you and/or your spouse will provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.
- Other people if they now live with you AND you or your spouse provided more than half of their support and will continue to provide more than half of their support from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

COLLEGE ENROLLMENT

Write in the name of the college/university for any of the household members who will attend college at **least half-time** between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023 and will be enrolled in a degree, diploma, or certificate program.

Name of Family Member	Relationship to Student	Age	College Name
	Self		UTRGV

Note: We may require additional documentation if we have reason to believe that the information regarding the household members enrolled in eligible postsecondary educational institutions is inaccurate.

Student 2020 Income Information

Were you a resident of the United States in 2020? Yes No

I filed a 2020 Tax Return. **OR**

I will file a 2020 Tax Return (was granted an extension by the IRS beyond the automatic six-months)

OR

*Complete this section if you **DID NOT** file a 2020 Tax Return.*

I, _____ am not required to file a 2020 Tax Return.
Student's Name

Did you earn wages in 2020? Yes No

Spouse 2020 Income Information

Spouse's SSN: _____

Was your spouse a resident of the United States in 2020? Yes No

My spouse filed a 2020 Tax Return. **OR**

My spouse will file a 2020 Tax Return (was granted an extension by the IRS beyond the automatic six-months)

OR

*Complete this section if you **DID NOT** file a 2020 Tax Return.*

My Spouse, _____ was not required to file a 2020 Tax Return. (complete if applicable)
Spouse's Name

Did your spouse earn wages in 2020? Yes No

CERTIFICATION

By signing below, I/we acknowledge and confirm that the above information is complete and correct. Purposely giving false or misleading information may result in federal fines, jail sentence, or both.

Student

Date

You can upload your document(s) at Document Central: www.utrgv.edu/documentcentral