

## 2025-2026 Request for Professional Judgment Dependency Override Due to Unusual Circumstances

### Student Information

\_\_\_\_\_ W00 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last Name                      First                      M.I.                      Student I.D.                      Phone Number

**Instructions:** You must read and complete this form in its entirety. Your request will be **DENIED** if you fail to provide accurate and complete information, along with adequate required and additional supporting documentation as explained below.

Federal Student Aid regulations presume the family is responsible for meeting the educational costs of students. If **none** of the following circumstances pertain to you, then you are considered **DEPENDENT** and must provide your parent’s information and signature on your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA):

- Active-duty military
- Veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces
- Have children or other dependents living with you who receive more than half of their support from you now and between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026
- Were orphaned since the age of 13, with no living biological or adoptive parent
- Were a ward of the court at any time since age 13
- Were in foster care at any time since age 13
- Is or were in a legal guardianship with someone other than your parent or stepparent, as determined by a court in your state of residence.
- Are a legally emancipated minor as determined by the court in your state of residence

Occasionally, due to an **Unusual Circumstance** which results in family estrangement, an otherwise dependent student may not be required to submit parental information on their FAFSA. Please select from the list below the reason(s) you are unable to provide parental data and/or signature on your FAFSA:

- You left home due to an abusive or threatening environment.
- You were abandoned by or estranged from your parents and have not been adopted
- You have refugee or asylee status and are separated from your parents, or your parents are displaced in a foreign country
- You are a victim of human trafficking
- Your parents are incarcerated, and contact with them would pose a risk to you
- You are otherwise **UNABLE** to contact or locate your parents, and have not been adopted

**IMPORTANT:** If your parents are **unwilling** to provide their information on your FAFSA or to support you financially, but you do NOT have an unusual circumstance, then you may apply to receive a **Direct Unsubsidized Loan Only**. Please go to the **Wilmington University website** and download the **2025-26 Direct Unsubsidized Loan Only Request form**. Please submit the completed form to: [Finaid@WilmU.edu](mailto:Finaid@WilmU.edu)

**Statement of Unusual Circumstance:** If you have checked any of the boxes pertaining to an Unusual Circumstance above, please write a statement below describing your circumstance. Statement must be written **clear and legibly** (you may attach a typewritten statement instead). **Your statement must also include how long ago your circumstances began, and how you (or others) have provided for and/or sustained you financially:**

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**Statement of Unusual Circumstances and Financial Support:**

**Required Documentation:**

- A copy of your 2024 Federal Tax Transcripts and W2s, or
- A completed 2023 Non-Tax Filer’s Form and W2s

**Additional Supporting Documentation:**

You must provide **at least TWO** written statements from individuals who can verify the circumstances you described. One statement may come from a friend or family member. And at least one statement **must be written on their institution’s, organization’s, or business’ letterhead** and come from a reliable third-party source such as a:

- Social Worker
- School Counselor or Teacher
- Clergy Member
- Any other professional who may have worked with or assisted you and are aware of your unusual circumstance.

**CERTIFICATION:** I certify that the information provided in this petition is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Student’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_