

STUDENT'S NAME

WOFFORD ID:



**OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID  
2020-21 REQUEST FOR DEPENDENCY EVALUATION**

The instructions on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) require that you provide parental information. If you believe that you should be classified as an independent student (reporting only student income and assets), you must complete this form and provide all the documentation requested. Return this form, your completed 2020-21 FAFSA (if not yet transmitted or mailed to processor) or your 2020-21 Student Aid Report (SAR) and all requested documentation to the Wofford College Financial Aid Office. Your request will be reviewed, and you will be notified of the decision.

**STEP 1: STUDENT INFORMATION**

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STUDENT FULL NAME (PLEASE PRINT)      WOFFORD ID NUMBER      SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

**STEP 2: IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS**

**The U.S. Department of Education permits dependency overrides only for the most extreme circumstances such as the student's parents cannot be located or an otherwise dependent student has been a victim of domestic violence and can no longer reside with parents per Dear Colleague Letter GEN-03--07 dated 04/04/2003.** Parents refusing to contribute to the student's education, parents unwilling to provide information on the application or for verification, not being claimed by a parent on a tax return or the student demonstrating self-sufficiency are no longer acceptable reasons for permitting a dependency override. If such an extreme situation applies to you, please follow the instructions below.

- Attach signed copies of your 2018 federal tax returns, if you filed. Additional documentation may be required.
- If you have not (and will not) file a federal tax return for 2018, attach copies of all W-2 forms provided by your employer(s) for 2018. Additional documentation may be required.
- Provide a written explanation of the circumstances that prevent your parent(s) from providing parental financial support for you. Attach your signed statement to this document.
- Provide written statements from at least **three** sources with detailed knowledge of your personal situation such as court documents, other family members, clergy or counselors. Attach signed statements to this document.

**STEP 3: STUDENT CERTIFICATION STATEMENT**

I certify by signing below that I was not claimed as a U.S. income tax exemption by anyone else for the 2018 calendar year and will not be claimed by anyone else (other than a spouse) in 2018.

\_\_\_\_\_  
STUDENT SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

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### STEP 4: PARENT(S) CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

Submit signed copies of the first page of the tax returns filed by parents in 2018. Income information may be redacted. If parent(s) did not file and were not required to file federal tax returns in 2018, parent(s) may submit a signed statement that they did not and were not required to file 2018 federal tax returns.

I (We) certify that I (we) did not claim the student who signed above as a U.S. income tax exemption for the 2018 calendar year and will not claim the student in 2019 or 2020.

The student whose name appears on the front of this form did not live in my (our) home in 2019-20 and will not live in my (our) home in 2020-21.

FATHER'S/STEPFATHER'S SIGNATURE

DATE

MOTHER'S/STPMOTHER'S SIGNATURE

DATE

### STEP 5: ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION REQUESTED BY THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

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..... OFFICE USE ONLY FOR STATEMENT OF IDENTIFICATION .....

Dependency Classification:    \_\_\_\_ IND    \_\_\_\_ DEP

Rationale \_\_\_\_\_  
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FINANCIAL AID ADMINISTRATOR

DATE

**We cannot accept emailed or faxed documents because of privacy and security concerns. Please use one of the following methods to submit your documentation.**

**SECURE UPLOAD**  
forms.wofford.edu  
(Requires student log-in to myWofford.)

**MAIL**  
Office of Financial Aid  
Wofford College  
429 N. Church Street  
Spartanburg, S.C. 29303

**IN PERSON**  
Hugh S. Black Admin Bldg.  
2nd floor above Admission