Dependency Override

Eligibility for assistance is based on the assumption that students and their parents are primarily responsible for paying for education. If the directions on your financial aid application instruct you to provide parents’ information, then by law you are dependent on your parents.

In extreme hardship cases, the Financial Aid Office may be able to assist a student who is technically dependent, but who does not or cannot have contact with their parent(s). In such cases, the student must complete a Request for Dependency Override form. The student will need to provide written documentation from a third party professional (e.g. minister, psychologist, social worker, counselor, teacher, etc.) Additional documentation may be requested if warranted by the situation.

The Request for Dependency Override form is available in the Financial Aid Office or through the financial aid website at www.cos.edu/financialaid. The Dependency Override form and appropriate documentation should be submitted for review to the Financial Aid Office.