



2025-26 Dependency Status Appeal

[Financial Aid Website](#) Phone: 253-288-3392 [Student Affairs Building, Room 231](#) Email: finaid@greenriver.edu

Dependency Status for Financial Aid

If you answer “No” to all the [FAFSA dependency questions](#), you have to give your parents' information on your aid application. But if something unusual is going on, like if it’s unsafe for you to be in contact with your parents or you're on your own without stable housing, you can ask for an exception called a dependency override.

The Financial Aid Office CANNOT approve a dependency override just because your parents won't share their information on the FAFSA or WASFA, you're not on their taxes anymore, or you're supporting yourself but you have stable housing.

Student Information

Last Name

First Name

Student ID#

Phone Number

Email Address

How to Complete this Appeal

- Make sure you submitted your 2025-2026 [FAFSA](#) or [WASFA](#) without parent data. If you need help completing your FAFSA or WASFA, please contact Financial Aid Office.
- Get an adult who knows about your situation (like a teacher, counselor, doctor, religious leader, or judge) to write a signed letter of support for you. Send that to the Financial Aid Office with your appeal.
- Once you've turned in all the papers we asked for, we'll send you an email to let you know if your appeal was approved or if we need more information. Make sure to check [your preferred email selected in ctLink](#) for any updates about your financial aid application.

Description of Parental Relationship and Living Circumstances

1. Where is your biological or adoptive mother right now, if you know? When was the last time you talked to her? Is she helping you out with any kind of financial support?

2. Where is your biological or adoptive father right now, if you know? When was the last time you talked to him? Is he helping you out with any kind of financial support?

3. Why are you unable to give your parents' information on your FAFSA or WASFA?

4. Tell us about where you live now and how long you've been there. Are you sharing an apartment with a roommate, staying with family or a partner for a while, living in your car, staying at a shelter, or something else?

Certification and Signature

I certify that the information provided in this appeal and other financial aid documents is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that purposely giving false or misleading information may result in fines, imprisonment, or both.

Student First and Last Name

Student Signature

Date

Typed signatures will not be accepted. Signatures must be drawn electronically or signed with a pen.

How to Submit This Form

- Upload this form and any required documents via [our secure document upload tool](#). Documents submitted via email will not be accepted for security reasons.
- OR
- Visit the Financial Aid Office in-person in the Student Affairs Building, Room 231 during our operating hours to return the completed form. Check [our website](#) before coming to campus to ensure our office is open when you will be here.

Financial Aid Office Use Only:

Approved Denied Incomplete: Missing _____

Comments:

Financial Aid Signature _____ Date _____

Green River College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, real or perceived national origin, age, perceived or actual physical or mental disability, pregnancy, genetic information, gender, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, creed, religion, honorably discharged veteran or military status, or use of a trained guide dog or service animal. To receive the following information in an alternative format or request disability accommodation at a GRC event, students should contact Disability Support Services at: 253-931-6460; TTY 253-288-3359; or dss@greenriver.edu. Staff and faculty should contact HR@greenriver.edu. For inquiries regarding nondiscrimination policies, contact TitleIXcoordinator@greenriver.edu at 417 Ramsay Way, Suite 112, Room 279, Kent, WA 98032 279; or at 253-833-9111, ext. 3361.