

Cloud County Community College Financial Aid Office

2023-2024 Academic Year – Unusual Circumstances PJ Request Form

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Last Name

First Name

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CCCC ID# or SSN

Phone number (include area code)

The Department of Education considers you a dependent student until the age of 24 unless any one of the following situations applies to you:

- You are married;
- You will be working on a master's or doctorate program at the beginning of 2023-2024 school year;
- You have children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024;
- You have dependents (other than your children or your spouse) that live with you and receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2024;
- At any time since you turned 13, you are an orphan or a dependent/ward of the court or were in foster care;
- You are a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces;
- You are currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training;
- You are an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless.

If you do not meet at least one of the conditions listed above and you were born after January 1, 2000, you are considered a **dependent student** for financial aid purposes, and you must provide your parent(s) financial information on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Federal guidelines allow schools to exercise an Unusual Circumstances Professional Judgment (PJ) in overriding a student's dependency status in certain situations where the relationship between you and your parent(s) has been compromised in a serious and ongoing way. Examples of this include, but are not limited to, where you have experienced verbal or physical abuse, abandonment, or where your physical or emotional welfare is jeopardized by continued contact with your parent(s). The information you supply in this form is kept confidential and any documentation you provide can be returned to you upon your request.

To request an Unusual Circumstances PJ to override of your dependency status you must submit the following to CCCC:

- A letter explaining your circumstances and your current living situation.
- A letter from a teacher, counselor, medical professional, social worker or clergy who can verify your situation.
- Court documentation and/or police reports (if applicable)

Financial Aid Forms are available on CCCC's home page at www.cloud.edu.

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When was the last time you had contact with your parent(s)? _____

When was the last time your parent(s) provided any form of support? _____

Will your parent(s) claim you on their federal tax return in 2023? _____ Yes _____ No

Are you currently employed? _____ Yes _____ No If Yes-Monthly Wages: \$ _____

Please provide the Name, Address and Phone Number of your current employer:

Do you have other sources of income? _____ Yes _____ No If Yes, please explain below:

Are you paying rent? _____ Yes _____ No If Yes, how much do you pay monthly? \$ _____

Please provide the name, address, and phone number of the person to whom you pay rent:

CCCC will presume that any student who has been approved for an Unusual Circumstances PJ and has obtained a final determination to be an Independent Student will continue to be an Independent Student for each subsequent award year at CCCC unless the student informs CCCC's Financial Aid Office that the student's situation has changed or if CCCC's Financial Aid Office receives conflicting information about the student's dependency status.

Please note that we cannot accept electronic signatures. This form must be printed out and signed before submitting.

I certify that the above information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

I certify that I will notify CCCC's Financial Aid Office if my situation changes.

Student Signature

Date

Please note: All reviews of Unusual Circumstances PJ's are completed on a case-by-case basis. Additional information may be requested in some circumstances. Please provide all requested documentation and any additional information that may assist the Financial Aid Office in reviewing this request.