Federal regulations (Public Law 102-325, Sec. 480 (d)) require that the Financial Aid Officer consider parent information and expect parent contribution for students unless the student meets one of the following conditions:

1. Is 24 years old or older by December 31 of the current award year,
2. Is married as of the date he/she applies,
3. Is currently serving on active duty for purposes other than training,
4. Is a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces,
5. Has children and/or dependents other than a spouse who will receive more than half of their support from you during the award year,
6. At any time since you turned age 13, both parents were deceased, was in foster care or was a ward of the court,
7. Is an emancipated minor or is was in legal guardianship as determined by a court in your state of legal residence,
8. Was determined at any time since July 1, 2013, to be an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or self-supporting, and at risk of being homeless as determined by:
   a. Your high school or school district homeless liaison,
   b. The director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. department of Housing and Urban Development, or
   c. The director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program.

The parent’s unwillingness (versus inability) or refusal to assist the student cannot be grounds for a dependency override. The Financial Aid Office may be able to override your dependent status only if unusual circumstances existed that made it impossible for you to have reasonable contact with your parents. If your family situation involves extenuating circumstances sufficiently documented, you may request a review of your dependency status by submitting:

1. A personal statement describing the relationship between you and your parents and the specific reasons you are unable to secure their cooperation in completing the parent information section of your Free application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
2. At least one statement on official letterhead paper from an external (third party) source who can document, verify and support your situation (e.g. social workers, counselors, clergy members or teacher).

RETURN THIS FORM ALONG WITH OTHER REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION TO HASKELL FINANCIAL AID OFFICE