

**REND LAKE COLLEGE  
DEPENDENCY APPEAL  
2025-2026**

The Higher Education Act allows aid administrators to make dependency overrides on a case-by-case basis for students with unusual circumstances. If the administrator finds an override appropriate, the student must provide documentation of the circumstances. **A dependency override cannot be completed for any of the conditions listed below, singly or in combination.**

- Parent(s) or Stepparent(s) refuse to contribute to the student's education.
- Parent(s) or Stepparent(s) are unwilling to provide information on the application or for verification.
- Parent(s) or Stepparent(s) do not claim the student as a dependent for income tax purposes.
- Student demonstrates total self-sufficiency.

**Student Information**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Warrior Tag: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information (best way to reach you): \_\_\_\_\_

**Request Information**

We appreciate this may be a difficult situation and stressful or uncomfortable to share, but we ask that you provide a detailed statement so we can better understand your situation. If you need more space, please use the reverse side of this document. Please explain why you believe you should be considered an independent student. Include information regarding your relationship with your parent(s) / stepparent(s).

**Certification and Signatures**

Upon review of your statement, we may find it necessary to request additional relevant information. By signing below, you agree to provide relevant information requested and acknowledge that a review of your application and documentation does not guarantee any additional financial aid will be offered to you. The Financial Aid Office will notify you of any change resulting from your dependency appeal.

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Student Signature

Date