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If unusual situations or circumstances impact your federal student aid eligibility, federal data elements on the FAFSA form that impact your Expected Family Contribution (EFC). This measure gives us a more accurate assessment of your family's ability to contribute to the cost of education.

Independence criteria should be considered independent. The Higher Education Act allows an aid administrator to make dependency overrides on a case-by-case basis for students with unusual circumstances. The administrator must document the reason(s) for that decision in the

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Once all documentation is completed and submitted, the information will be reviewed.

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Professional Judgment.

The list below contains some common documents that may be needed for a professional judgment if approved by the financial aid committee.

- a. Signed tax or income documents
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