



## Urban College Financial Aid Dependency Override and Professional Judgement Policy

### Professional Judgment

Students have a right to request a professional judgment if they do not qualify for financial aid for any given award year. The student should put the request in writing and provide documentation to back up the unique situation. The Financial Aid Director will review these requests on a case-by-case basis and may request additional back-up if needed. The student will receive a phone call or email notification as to whether the Professional Judgment was approved. The student's record will be corrected with new information and will receive a new award letter in the mail if approved.

### Dependency Override

Students have a right to request a dependency override if they do not meet the requirements of an independent student based on the Department of Education guidelines. A request should be put in writing for the Financial Aid Director to review. The student will also be required to provide confirmation from 2 outside professional sources who can verify the unique situation. If approved, the student will receive an email or a phone call and any necessary corrections will be made to the student's record. An updated award letter will be mailed if approved.