



## Parent/Guardians(s) Certification of Student's Dependent Status for Federal Income Tax Purposes

(For Parental/Guardian Access to Dependent Student's Education Records Without a Release from the Student)

According to federal law, once a student enrolls in an institution of higher education, whether the student is over age 18 or not, the student's parents/guardians no longer have automatic access to the student's education records. However, if the parents/guardians claim the student as a dependent on their federal income tax return, they may have access to the student's **Southwestern Community College** education records without the student's prior written consent. **Because tax dependency can change yearly, parents/guardians wishing to establish eligibility to receive information from their students' education records must furnish the following information each year.**

*Please Note: If you have more than one child enrolled at Southwestern Community College, please submit a completed form and attachments for each child individually.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's ID Number

I/we certify that the above-named student is my/our child and that I/we claimed him/her as a dependent on a federal income tax return for Tax Year \_\_\_\_\_. Attached is a copy of my/our federal income tax return for that year. I/we also certify that we intend to claim the above-named student as a dependent on a federal income tax return for the current tax year.

Parent/Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(s) and Address(es) (please print)

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*After completing this form, please attach a copy of your federal income tax return for the tax year in question and mail to: CE Registrar at Southwestern Community College*

Valid Until: \_\_\_\_\_ (To be completed by Registrar)