

Independent Status Verification Form 2026-2027

STUDENT NAME: _____ **DATE:** _____

When completing the 2026-2027 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), you indicated you were independent for financial aid purposes due to at least one of the reasons listed on this form. Check the item that applies to you and submit the appropriate documentation with this form.

☐	At any time since you turned age 13, were both parents deceased (biological or adoptive), were you in foster care, or a dependent or ward of the court? Documentation Required: <i>Photocopies of parents' death certificates, or photocopies of court documents attesting to your foster care or ward-of-the-court status.</i>
☐	As determined by a court in your State of legal residence, are you or were you an emancipated minor? Documentation Required: <i>Photocopies of court documents attesting to your emancipated minor status.</i>
☐	As determined by a court in your State of legal residence, does someone other than your parent or stepparent have legal guardianship of you? Documentation Required: <i>Photocopies of court documents appointing your legal guardian.</i>
☐	At any time on or after July 1, 2025, did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless? Documentation Required: <i>A photocopy of a signed letter on official letterhead from your school district certifying your homeless or at risk status.</i>
☐	At any time on or after July 1, 2025, did the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless? Documentation Required: <i>A photocopy of a signed letter on official letterhead from a director of a qualifying shelter or program certifying your homeless or at risk status.</i>
☐	At any time on or after July 1, 2025, did the director of a runaway or homeless youth center or transitional living program determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless? Documentation Required: <i>A photocopy of a signed letter on official letterhead from a director of a qualifying shelter or program certifying your homeless or at risk status.</i>
☐	I do not qualify as an independent student for Financial Aid purposes.

Please be aware that if you cannot provide the documentation outlined on this form, you are likely to be considered dependent for financial aid purposes. Upon review of this form and the documentation submitted, your financial aid file will be reviewed and you will be notified if it is determined that you need to make corrections to your 2026-2027 FAFSA.

Statement of Certification:

I certify that the information provided on this form and any attachments is true, complete and accurate.

Student Signature: _____ PUID _____ Date: _____

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