



OFFICE USE ONLY

2022-2023 Verification of Independent Status Form

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Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ SSC ID: _____

You indicated on your 2022-2023 FAFSA you were independent for financial aid purposes due to at least answering "YES" to one of the reason(s) listed on this form. Please write student name and ID on all documentation.

Instructions: Please check the item(s) that apply to you and submit the appropriate documentation. Please be aware that if you cannot provide the documentation outlined on this form, you are considered dependent for financial aid purposes and will need to add parental information to your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

- Were you married at the time the FAFSA Application was signed**

Documentation Required:

- Attach Marriage Certificate

- Currently serving on active duty in the armed forces other than training**

Documentation Required:

- Military orders showing you are in the U.S. Armed Forces on active duty. Members of the National Guard and Reserve are only considered veterans if they were called up to active federal duty by presidential order for a purpose other than training.
- Attach a copy of your Member 4 DD214

- Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces:**

Documentation Required:

- Attach a copy of Member 4 DD14

- Legal Dependents:** You indicated on your FAFSA that you have child(ren) who will receive more than half of their support from you from **July 1, 2022 – July 30, 2023.**

Documentation Required:

- If you claimed your dependents on your Federal Income taxes. A Copy of your 2016 and 2017 IRS Federal Tax Transcript or Federal Tax Return taxes will be sufficient
- If you did not claim your dependent(s) on your Federal Income Taxes. Please complete the following:
 - Provide a detailed statement and submit with this form. Explaining how you financially support your dependent(s) also include (i.e. paid day care receipts in your name, insurance cards, etc)
 - Attach a copy of legal dependent(s) birth certificate

Note: The Financial Aid Office will review your information and determine if your documentation is sufficient to demonstrate support of your dependent(s). If determined that you do not provide more than half of the support for the dependent(s) listed, you will be considered a dependent student and will need to update your FAFSA to include your parents' information.

○ **Legal Dependents (other than your children or spouse)**

Documentation Required:

- Complete Legal Dependent Form

○ **Orphan/Ward of Court/Foster Care Verification:** At any time since you turned age 13, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care or were you a dependent or ward of the court?

Documentation Required:

- Attach a copy of your birth certificate and your parents death certificate(s) or court documents attesting to your foster care or ward-of-the-court status.

○ **Emancipated Minor:** As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you an emancipated minor?

Documentation Required:

- Attach an official copy of the court’s decision corroborating your emancipated status.

○ **Legal Guardianship Verification:** As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you in a legal guardianship

Documentation Required:

- Attach a copy of your court decision documents appointing your legal guardianship **OR**
- If guardianship has been terminated, attach a copy of the court order of discharge from legal guardianship

○ **Unaccompanied Homeless Youth:**

- At any time on or after July 1, 2020, 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?
- At any time on or after July 1, 2020, 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?
- At any time on or after July 1, 2020, did the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic 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:

- Complete Unaccompanied Youth Form

FAFSA Filing Mistake

- When I filed my FAFSA, I incorrectly answered “YES” to one or more of these dependency questions (**Questions 46-58**). I am required to report parental information on my 2022-2023 FAFSA application and will change my answer(s) to “NO”.

Certification:

I certify that all information on this form is true, complete and accurate. Upon request, I agree to provide additional proof of the information reported on this form. Warning: If you purposely give false or misleading information, you may be fined up to \$20,000, sent to prison or both.

Student Signature

Date