

2026-2027 Independent Status Confirmation

A. Student Information

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| Last Name | First Name | MI | Student ID |
| Date of Birth | Telephone Number | E-Mail Address | |

At the time you completed the 2026-2027 FAFSA, you marked you are an independent student. Before we can offer you financial aid, you need to confirm your status and attach the required documentation. If you do not meet the criteria for independent status, you will be required to update your FAFSA with parent information.

B. Independent Status Categories

Please indicate which status accurately reflects your situation by checking the appropriate box and return the form to our office with the requested documentation attached.

| Check applicable status | Description | Documentation required |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> You have a Child or Other Dependent | You provide more than half of the support for your child or other dependent. <i>Note: You must provide at least 50% of support. If you are unable to prove you provide at least 50%, you will be considered a dependent student and must provide parent information on the FAFSA.</i> | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No Living Parent | At any time since you turned 13, you had no living parent, even if you are now adopted. | Both parents' death certificates |
| <input type="checkbox"/> In Foster Care | At any time since you turned 13, you were in foster care, even if you are no longer in foster care. | Legal documentation from your state of residency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dependent/Ward of the Court | At any time since you turned 13, you were a dependent or ward of the court even if you are no longer a dependent or ward of the court. <i>For federal student aid purposes, an incarcerated person is not considered a ward of the court.</i> | Copy of court decision |
| <input type="checkbox"/> In Legal Guardianship | You are in legal guardianship as determined by a court in your state of legal residence, or were in legal guardianship immediately before you reached the age of majority (adulthood) in your state. | Copy of court decision |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emancipated Minor | You are or were an emancipated minor as determined by a court in your state of legal residence. | Copy of court decision |

Student Signature _____ Date _____
 Signature must be handwritten; digital signatures not accepted.