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2026-2027 Documentation of Independent Status Form

Your status as an independent student for financial aid purposes was based upon your answer to questions regarding dependency on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA instructions notify you that the financial aid administrator at your school may require proof of your status. In order to complete the financial aid process, please check the status that best represents your situation and submit the required documentation.

Your aid cannot be processed until all required documentation has been received and evaluated.

Student's Name: _____ Student ID#: _____

	Check One Box Below	Requirements
<input type="checkbox"/>	No living parents: You had no living parent (biological or adoptive) when you were age 13 or older, even if you are now adopted.	Provide both parents' death certificates.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Foster Care: You were in foster care for any length of time when you were age 13 or older, even if you are no longer in foster care as of today.	Provide legal documentation (court documents) or a letter from the Department of Human Services in your state of legal residence confirming you were in foster care at age 13 or older.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ward of the Court: You were a dependent/ ward of the court when you were age 13 or older, even if you are no longer a dependent/ward of the court as of today.	Provide legal documentation (court documents) or documentation from the Department of Human Services in your state of legal residence confirming you were a dependent or ward of the court at age 13 or older.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Emancipated Minor: You are or were an emancipated minor as determined by a court in your state of legal residence prior to reaching the age of being an adult in your state.	Provide a copy of a court's decision documenting you are an emancipated minor from the state of your legal residence.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Legal Guardianship: You are or were in legal guardianship as determined by a court in your state of legal residence prior to reaching the age of being an adult in your state.	Provide a copy of a court's decision documenting you are in legal guardianship from the state of your legal residence.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Homeless Youth: You were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or was self-supporting and at risk of being homeless.	Please submit a copy of the document from the director of a youth basic center/educational agency homeless liaison/shelter director stating your official unaccompanied homeless youth status.

All letters submitted from social services agencies should be on letterhead and signed.

I declare, under penalty of perjury, that the information on this form is true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge. **This form requires a handwritten signature.**

 Student Signature

 Date

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Complete: Yes / No (date returned to student) _____
 Reviewed by: _____ Date: _____

Decision: Approved / Denied