

Independent Status Confirmation

At the time you completed the 2016-2017 FAFSA, you indicated that you were an independent student. Before we can determine your financial aid eligibility, 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.

A. Student's Information

Last Name _____

First Name _____

M.I. _____

SSN / Student ID number _____

Date of Birth _____

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
<input type="checkbox"/> You have a Child or Other Dependent	You provide more than half of your child's or other dependent's support. Note: Support is the issue; it does not matter if the child or other dependent lives with you. When you are unable to show that you provide at least fifty percent support then general you will be considered a dependent student and will be required to provide parental information on the FAFSA.	Copy of tax transcript that verifies your dependents <u>OR</u> if no return was filed, a copy of your W-2 form(s) and a detailed personal statement that explains how you support the child/other dependent, <u>OR</u> If no taxable income received, then a detailed personal statement that explains how you support the child/other dependents.
<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 today.	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 today. For federal student aid purposes, someone who is incarcerated is not considered a ward of the court.	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 being an adult 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
<input type="checkbox"/> Homeless	An unaccompanied youth who is/was homeless or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless.	Verification from a high school or school district liaison, <u>OR</u> Verification from a director of an accredited HUD homeless shelter <u>OR</u> Verification from a director of a runaway/transitional living program or homeless youth basic shelter
<input type="checkbox"/> Active Duty	I am currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, National Guard, or are a reserves enlistee who is on active duty for other than state or training purposes.	Attach a signed letter from your commanding officer confirming your active duty status
<input type="checkbox"/> Veteran	I am a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces and have a discharge status other than 'dishonorable'.	Attach a copy of your DD214(member copy 4) "Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty" showing military service other than the Reserves or National Guard (unless you were called into active duty)

C. Certification and Signatures

WARNING: If you purposely give false or misleading information on this worksheet, you may be fined, be sentenced to jail, or both.

By signing this worksheet, I certify that all of the information reported on this worksheet is complete and correct.
 Student _____ Date _____

Do not mail this worksheet to the U.S. Department of Education.