



2025-2026 Verification of Independent Status

Student Name: _____ SCCC # _____

Typically, students who are under the age of 24 are required to provide parental data on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). They are referred to as dependent students. You indicated one of the circumstances below applies, making you an independent student. Please check your response and submit the documents listed to verify your independent status. Though more than one circumstance may apply, only one is needed to complete this form. If your response was not correct on your FAFSA, please make corrections on your FAFSA at www.studentaid.gov and include parental information.

☐ **I marked one of these questions in error on my FAFSA.** I have corrected this mistake by making the necessary changes to my FAFSA at studentaid.gov and included parental information.

☐ **I am Married:** Please submit a copy of your marriage certificate.

☐ **I am a currently serving on active duty in the U.S. armed forces for purposes other than training:** Please submit a copy of official active duty military orders.

☐ **I am a Veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces:** Please submit a copy of your DD214.

☐ **I currently have Dependent Children or other Legal Dependent(s) who live with me and who receive more than half of their support from me now through June 30, 2026:** Please submit a 2025/2026 Household verification form as well as supporting documentation to show support of the listed individuals in your own (not your Parent's) household). Examples of acceptable documentation: a copy of your Federal Tax Form claiming these individuals as dependents, or any official legal/court documentation.

☐ **Since turning age 13, both of my parents were deceased, or I was in foster care, or I was a dependent or ward of the court:** Please submit a copy of both parents' official death certificates and explain where you lived and how you supported yourself following your parents' deaths. Alternatively, attach documentation of your state-certified foster care. Alternatively, attach a copy of the official court order stating your status of dependent/orphan/ward of the court.

☐ **I am in a Legal Guardianship as determined by a court in my state of legal residence**
Please submit official court documentation stating your legal guardianship status. **Please note:** Custody or Joint custody is not the same as legal guardianship and will either require a separate request for Dependency Override or the student to provide parent data as a dependent student.

Certification

By signing this form, I certify that the information provided is true and complete to the best of my/our knowledge.

Student Signature

Date