



2017 – 2018 DEPENDENCY STATUS VERIFICATION FORM

We've reviewed your 2017-2018 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and you may not be required to provide parent(s) information. The FAFSA requires parental information unless you meet specific criteria set by the Federal Government to be considered an independent student. Please answer the following questions to determine whether you are dependent or an independent student. Your dependency status must be confirmed before we can continue processing your FAFSA for Federal Student Aid.

A. Student Information

Check One: New/Returning New Student Continuing Student

Last Name _____ First Name _____ M.I. _____ Social Security Number **XXX - XX -** **HU** _____ SID# _____

B. Dependency Status

Circumstances	Answer	Required Documentation
1) At any time since you turned age 13, were both of your parents deceased?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES → <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If Yes, you must provide death certificates for your parents or documentation from the social services agency or case worker documenting that your parents are deceased.
2) At any time since you turned age 13, were you in foster care?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES → <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If Yes, you must provide a copy of all court documentation pertaining to your case OR a letter from the social services agency or case worker familiar with the circumstances that led to your being placed in foster care.
3) At any time since you turned age 13, were you a dependent or ward of the court?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES → <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If Yes, you must provide a copy of all court documentation pertaining to your case OR a letter from the social services agency or case worker familiar with the circumstances that led to your being placed in the custody of the court.
4) As determined by a court in your state or legal residence, are you or were you an emancipated minor?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES → <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If Yes, you must provide a copy of a court's decision that as of today you are an emancipated minor or were immediately before you reached the age of being an adult in your state. The court must be located in your state of legal residence at the time the court's decision was issued.
5) As determined by a court in your state or legal residence, are you or were you in legal guardianship?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES → <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If Yes, you must provide a copy of a court's decision that as of today you are in legal guardianship or were immediately before you reached the age of being an adult in your state. The court must be located in your state of legal residence.
6) At any time on or after July 1, 2016, 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?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES → <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If Yes, you must provide a letter from your high school or school district liaison verifying your status.

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7) At any time on or after July 1, 2016, 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?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES → <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, you must provide a letter from the director of the shelter that determined your status. It must include the name of the funding organization.
8) At any time on or after July 1, 2016, 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?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES → <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If Yes, you must provide a letter from the director of the shelter or center that determined your status.
9) Did you make an unintentional error on your 2017-18 FAFSA and do not have unusual family circumstances as describe above.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES → <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If Yes, you must report parent’s financial information and parent(s) signature(s) on your Student Aid Report (SAR) in order for your application to be valid. If you feel that you have extenuating circumstances, please contact the Financial Aid Department at (209) 478-0800 for further determination.

C. Certification and Signature

By signing below certifies that all of the information reported is complete and correct.



Student Signature

Date

WARNING: if you purposely give false or misleading information, you may be fined, sent to prison, or both.

Notes of question 4 and 5 from the FAFSA

The definition of legal guardianship does not include your parents, even if they were appointed by a court to be your guardians. You are also not considered a legal guardian of yourself.

Answer “**Yes**” if you can provide a copy of a court’s decision that as of today you are an emancipated minor or are in legal guardianship. Also answer “**Yes**” if you can provide a copy of a court’s decision that you were an emancipated minor or were in legal guardianship immediately before you reached the age of being an adult in your state. The court must be located in your state of legal residence at the time the court’s decision was issued.

Answer “**No**” if you are still a minor and the court decision is no longer in effect or the court decision was not in effect at the time you became an adult. Also answer “**No**” and contact your school if custody was awarded by the courts and the court papers say “custody” (not “guardianship”).

Notes for question 6 – 8 from the FAFSA

Answer “**Yes**” if you received a determination at any time on or after July 1, 2016, that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or at risk of being homeless.

“**Homeless**” means lacking fixed, regular and adequate housing. You may be homeless if you are living in shelters, parks, motels or cars, or are temporarily living with other people because you have nowhere else to go. Also, if you are living in any of these situations and fleeing an abusive parent you may be considered homeless even if your parent would provide support and a place to live.

“**Unaccompanied**” means you are not living in the physical custody of your parent or guardian.

“**Youth**” means you are 21 years of age or younger or you are still enrolled in high school as of the day you sign this application.