

Independent Status Verification

STUDENT ID	STUDENT LAST NAME	STUDENT FIRST NAME	PHONE NUMBER (with area code)
PLEASE PRINT IN BLACK INK			

On the FAFSA you answered yes to one of the questions to determine independence. Please check box and provide the required documentation requested for the situation that applies to you.

If none of these apply, you will need to correct your FAFSA.

When you turned 18 years old, were:

- An emancipated minor as of the date the FAFSA was completed**
Please attach a copy of the court's decision that you are an emancipated minor. The court must be located in your state of legal residence. If the court order is no longer in effect, you should have answered no.
- In Legal Guardianship as of the date the FAFSA was completed**
Please attach a copy of the court's decision that you are in legal guardianship. The court must be located in your state of legal residence. If you are still a minor and the court order is no longer in effect or the court decision was not in effect at the time you became an adult, you should have answered no.

NOTE: Documentation needs to confirm the court order for emancipation or legal guardianship was still in effect when you turned 18.

You can request updated documentation from the county court office were the decision was made

When you were age 13 or older, were:

- Both parents deceased**
Please attach copies of death certificates of **both** parents, along with **your** birth certificate.
- In foster care or a dependent/ward of court**
Please attach documentation from your social worker or Independent Living Program counselor showing your status and when it ends

At any time on or after July 1, 2014, were:

- Verified as a homeless child or youth**
Please attach a copy of your high school or school district homeless liaison's determination of your status.
- Determined homeless by the Department of Housing and Urban Development**
Please attach a copy of the determination by the director of an emergency shelter program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Verified as an unaccompanied youth who is at risk for homelessness**
Please attach a copy of the determination by the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program

DEFINITIONS

- **"Homeless"** means lacking fixed, regular and adequate housing, which includes living in shelters, motels or cars, or temporarily living with other people because you had nowhere else to go
- **"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 are still enrolled in high school as of the day you signed the FAFSA.