

**Financial Aid Office**

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Independent Status Verification

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

On the FAFSA you answered yes to one of the questions that 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 and include your parent's information and signature.

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 If the court order is no longer in effect, you should have answered no.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 If the court order is no longer in effect, you should have answered no.

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, 2008, were you:

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.