

Dependency Status Worksheet

Covers Fall 2025, Spring 2026, Summer 2026

Student's Name (PRINT): _____ Phone: (____) _____

HCC ID: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Home Campus: _____
(9-digit number required) (Primary location of attendance)

You are classified as an Independent Student on your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as a result of answering "Yes" to one of the following dependency status questions. To verify your independent status, you must provide documentation to support the reported information.

1. At any time since you turned age 13, were both of your parents deceased, were you in foster care, or were you a dependent or ward of the court? ☐ Yes ☐ No, I made a mistake on the FAFSA

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION: If yes, please submit a copy of Court document for proof of foster care/ward of court or a copy of parent(s) death certificate or third party letter.

2. As of the date the FAFSA was filed, were you an emancipated minor or in legal guardianship as determined by the court in your state of legal residence? ☐ Yes ☐ No, I made a mistake on the FAFSA

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION: If yes, please submit a court document adjudicated by a judge.

3. At any time, on or after July 1, 2023, were you an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or at risk of being homeless?

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION: If yes, please submit a copy of a determination letter from a School District Liaison, director or designee of a HUD- or RHYA-funded shelter, or completion of page 2 of this form signed by an authorized official.

4. Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces or currently on active duty? ☐ Yes ☐ No, I made a mistake on the FAFSA

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION: If yes, please submit a copy of DD214

5. Do you have dependents that receive more than half of their support from you and will continue to receive more than half of support from you now through June 30, 2025?

☐ Yes ☐ No, I made a mistake on the FAFSA

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION: If yes, please provide a detailed statement with the name, relationship, and nature of the support and a copy of 2023 federal taxes. If the dependent is not claimed on taxes, an explanation is needed.

Documentation is required if you answer YES to **any** of the above questions.

**** If you answered No to all above questions, you may have to revise your Free Application for Federal Student Aid using studentaid.gov web-site and complete the contributor (parent) information sections and complete the contributor (parent) signature requirements. Once your FAFSA has been revised, submit this form.**

By signing below, I acknowledge and confirm that the above information is complete and correct. Purposely giving false or misleading information may result in federal fines, jail sentence, or both.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

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