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Student Rocket Number

Student Last Name

Student First Name



2021-22  
PROOF OF INDEPENDENT STUDENT STATUS  
WORKSHEET

COMPLETE WITH BLACK INK ONLY. ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE ON THIS FORM.

Based on the information you provided on your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the Office of Student Financial Aid is requesting additional information to verify your independent student status. Please review and answer the following questions. If you answer "Yes" to any question, attach the required documentation listed for that question.

Circumstance		If Yes, Documentation Required
<b>Orphan</b> – Were both of your parents (biological or adoptive) deceased at any time since you turned age 13?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Attach a copy of each of your parent's death certificates and a copy of your birth certificate.
<b>Foster Child</b> - Even if you are not in foster care today, were you in foster care at any time since you turned age 13?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Attach a copy of court documentation showing that you were in foster care.
<b>Ward of the Court</b> – Even if you are not a dependent or ward of the court today, were you a dependent or ward of the court at any time since you turned age 13? For federal student aid purposes, someone who is incarcerated is not considered a ward of the court.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Attach a copy of court documentation showing your ward of the court status.
<b>Emancipated Minor</b> – Are you or were you an emancipated minor, <u>as determined by a court</u> in your state of legal residence? For federal student aid purposes, this does not mean emancipated from child support or emancipated for military service.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Attach a copy of the court's decision that you are an emancipated minor. The court order must have been in effect at the time that you filed your FAFSA.
<b>Legal Guardianship</b> – Does someone other than your parent or stepparent have legal guardianship of you, as determined by a court in your state of legal residence? Answer "Yes" if this guardianship is still in effect or was in effect immediately before you reached the age of being an adult in your state.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Attach a copy of the court's decision that you are or were in a legal guardianship.

If you answered "No" to all of the questions above, you are a **dependent** student and you are required to provide parent information and a parent signature on your 2021-22 FAFSA.

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**Certification Statement:** By signing this worksheet, I certify that all of the information reported above, used to determine eligibility for federal student financial aid, is complete and accurate. I understand that I must attach the documentation required above in order to be considered for independent student status, and that further documentation may be requested by the Office of Student Financial Aid before a final determination is made. **WARNING:** If you purposely give false or misleading information on this worksheet, you may be fined, sentenced to jail, or both.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**TO RETURN THIS FORM:**

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