

**2025-2026**  
**Request for Dependency Review**

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ CWID \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Dependency**

The Department of Education defines an independent student as one who:

- was born before January 1, 2002 **or**
- as of the date the FAFSA was filed, is married **or**
- will be working on a Master's or Doctorate program in school year 2025-2026 **or**
- is currently serving active duty in U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training **or**
- is a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces **or**
- has children who receive more than 50% of their support from you between June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2026 **or**
- has dependents other than children or a spouse who lives with applicant and receives more than 50% of their support from you now and through June 30<sup>th</sup> 2026 **or**
- at any time since turning 13 both parents were deceased, you were in foster care or were considered a dependent or ward of the court **or**
- is determined as an emancipated minor by the courts in your state of legal residence **or**
- is determined as being in a legal guardianship by the courts in your state of legal residence **or**
- at any time on or after July 1<sup>st</sup> 2024, your H.S. or school district's Homeless Liaison determined you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless **or**
- at any time on or after July 1<sup>st</sup> 2024, the director of an emergency shelter funded by HUD determined you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless **or**
- at any time on or after July 1<sup>st</sup> 2024, the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center determined you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless

Unless one of these applies to you, your parents share responsibility for your educational expenses and their financial information must be on your application.

**Exceptions**

In the view of the Department of Education, exceptions may only be made if extraordinary and unusual circumstances can be documented. Examples might include refugees, political asylees, incarcerated parents, physically abusive relationships, etc. If you have similar exceptional circumstances, please describe these on the back of this sheet in complete detail; **attach all the required documentation and submit to the Financial Aid Office for review.**

**Required Documentation**

In order for the Financial Aid Office to consider your request to review your dependency status, we need additional information and documentation of your family circumstances.

- A Personal Statement of explanation on this form, **and**
- Copies of any court records, police reports, death certificates, etc. **and/or**
- Written letters from two (2) different third parties who know your situation, such as: clergy, teachers, counselors, or social workers; letters from other students and/or friends may or may not be appropriate as an independent third party.

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

☐ Approved ☐ Denied

☐ Need more information \_\_\_\_\_

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Financial Aid Director

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Date