



## 2021-2022 Independent Status Confirmation

**Return this form to:**  
**Mail:** HCC Financial Aid  
 606 West Main  
 Highland KS, 66035  
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### A. Student Information

Last Name	First Name	MI	Student ID
____/____/____	(____) _____		
Date of Birth	Telephone Number		E-Mail Address

At the time you completed the 2021-2022 FAFSA, you marked that you were an independent student. Before we can award your financial aid, you need to confirm your status and attach the required documentation. If you do not meet the criteria for independent status, you will be required to update your FAFSA with parent information.

### B. Independent Status Categories

Please indicate which status accurately reflects your situation by checking the appropriate box and return the form to our office with the requested documentation attached.

Check applicable status	Description	Documentation required	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>You have a Child or Other Dependent</b>	You provide more than half of your child's or other dependent's support. <i>Note: Support is the issue; it does not matter if the child or other dependent lives with you. When you are unable to show that you provide at least fifty percent support in general, you will be considered a dependent student and will be required to provide parental information on the FAFSA.</i>	Copy of your 2019 tax transcript that verifies your dependents <u>OR</u> if no return was filed, a copy of your W-2 form(s) and a detailed personal statement that explains how you support the child/other dependent, <u>OR</u> If no taxable income received, then a detailed personal statement that explains how you support the child/other dependents.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>No living parent</b>	At any time since you turned 13, you had no living parent, even if you are now adopted.	Both parents' death certificates
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>In foster care</b>	At any time since you turned 13, you were in foster care, even if you are no longer in foster care today.	Legal documentation from your state of residency
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Dependent/Ward of the Court</b>	At any time since you turned 13, you were a dependent or ward of the court, even if you are no longer a dependent or ward of the court today. For federal student aid purposes, someone who is incarcerated is not considered a ward of the court.	Copy of court decision
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>In legal guardianship</b>	You are in legal guardianship as determined by a court in your state of legal residence, or were in legal guardianship immediately before you reached the age of being an adult in your state.	Copy of court decision
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Emancipated minor</b>	You are or were an emancipated minor as determined by a court in your state of legal residence.	Copy of court decision
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Homeless</b>	An unaccompanied youth who is/was homeless or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless.	Verification from a high school or school district liaison, <u>OR</u> Verification from a director of an accredited HUD homeless shelter <u>OR</u> Verification from a director of a runaway/transitional living program or homeless youth basic shelter

Warning: If you purposely give false or misleading information on this form, you may be fined, sentenced to jail or both.

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