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## 2023-2024 Independent Status Confirmation

### A. Student Information

Last Name	First Name	MI	Student ID
Date of Birth	Telephone Number	E-Mail Address	

At the time you completed the 2023-2024 FAFSA, you marked you are an independent student. Before we can offer you 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"/> You have a Child or Other Dependent	You provide more than half of the support for your child or other dependent. <i>Note: You must provide at least 50% of support. If you are unable to prove you provide at least 50%, you will be considered a dependent student and must provide parent information on the FAFSA.</i>	1. The HCC "Child/Dependent Confirmation Form" AND 2. A copy of your 2021 tax return or tax transcript unless you used the IRS Data Retrieval Tool within the FAFSA and transferred tax information.
<input type="checkbox"/> No Living Parent	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"/> In Foster Care	At any time since you turned 13, you were in foster care, even if you are no longer in foster care.	Legal documentation from your state of residency
<input type="checkbox"/> Dependent/Ward of the Court	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. <i>For federal student aid purposes, an incarcerated person is not considered a ward of the court.</i>	Copy of court decision
<input type="checkbox"/> In Legal Guardianship	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 majority (adulthood) in your state.	Copy of court decision
<input type="checkbox"/> Emancipated Minor	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"/> Homeless	<u>On or after July 1, 2022</u> you were an unaccompanied homeless youth or unaccompanied, at risk of homelessness, and self-supporting.	HCC "Homeless Affirmation Form" and appropriate documentation as noted on that form.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature must be handwritten; digital signatures not accepted.

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