

## 2021-2022 Student Dependency Status Clarification Worksheet

Student ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

 Student's  
 Full Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Please print clearly)                      **Last**                                      **First**                                      **Middle**

You indicated in the dependency status section of the 2021-2022 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) that you meet one of the criteria listed below. Please confirm your status by checking which statement below applies to you and providing the appropriate documentation.

STATEMENT	DOCUMENTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> I made a mistake – I am not an independent student.	Please return to the <a href="#">FAFSA website</a> to make corrections to your FAFSA and add your parental information.
<input type="checkbox"/> I am an orphan or ward of the court, OR I was in foster care after the age of 13.	Copy of both parents' death certificates; OR a copy of a court's decision that you are/were a ward of the court or placed in foster care for any period after the age of 13.
<input type="checkbox"/> I am, or was, an emancipated minor.	Copy of a court's decision that, as of today, you are an emancipated minor or were an emancipated minor before you reached the age of being an adult in your state of residence.
<input type="checkbox"/> I am, or was, in legal guardianship ( <b>not custody</b> ) of someone other than a parent.	Copy of a court's decision that you are or were in legal guardianship ( <b>not custody</b> ).
<input type="checkbox"/> I have been determined to be an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or at risk of being homeless on or after July 1, 2020.	Legal documentation or letter from a representative of a high school or school district; a director of a runaway or homeless youth center or transitional living program; or a director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.
<input type="checkbox"/> I am providing more than 50% of the support for children or other dependents and will continue this support during the current academic year.	Signed statement explaining how expenses for student and dependent (rent, health insurance, federal benefits, child support etc.) are paid.
<input type="checkbox"/> I am currently serving in the US Armed Forces or am a National Guard or Reserve enlistee currently serving on active duty.	Attach a letter from your unit commander or a copy of orders showing that you are currently on <u>FEDERAL</u> active duty status for reasons other than training.
<input type="checkbox"/> I am married.	Copy of marriage certificate.
<input type="checkbox"/> None of the above apply to my situation, but I wish to be considered an independent student due to special circumstances.	Please contact our office for further assistance and instructions.

***If I purposely give false or misleading information on this worksheet, I understand that I may receive a fine, a prison sentence, or both. By signing this form, I am certifying that all information is complete and correct.***

**Student's Signature**
**Date**

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 Electronic signature is not allowed

(Please Note: We suggest using our secure [document uploader](#) or fax as a more secure method of delivery. Virginia Tech does not open email attachments.)