



## 2026-27 Provisional Independent Status Clarification Form

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student GWID \_\_\_\_\_

On the 2026-2027 FAFSA, you indicated that you have unusual circumstances. As a result, you were granted provisional independent status on the FAFSA. If you made a mistake, please log into StudentAid.gov and add your parent(s) to the FAFSA and invite them to complete the parent information sections. If you intended to answer the question this way, you must now clarify and document your unusual circumstances for a final determination of your dependency status for federal financial aid.

| Circumstances for Provisionally Independent Status to become officially Independent   | Circumstances that <b>DO NOT</b> qualify and will not result in independent status   |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Parental abandonment or estrangement</i></li> <li>• <i>Abuse</i></li> <li>• <i>Neglect</i></li> <li>• <i>Victims of human trafficking</i></li> <li>• <i>Legally granted refugee or asylum status</i></li> <li>• <i>Student or parent incarceration</i></li> <li>• <i>You mark on the FAFSA that you are homeless or at risk of being homeless and don't have a determination from an eligible agency to verify that status.</i></li> <li>• <i>You have been in foster care, homeless, or you were an unaccompanied youth but have not been designated as such by an eligible agency.</i></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Your parents are unable to provide financial support or refuse to contribute to your education;</i></li> <li>• <i>Your parents are unwilling to provide the information needed to complete the FAFSA or verification;</i></li> <li>• <i>Your parents do not claim you as a dependent for income tax purposes; or</i></li> <li>• <i>You are able to show that you are financially self-sufficient.</i></li> </ul> |

**Submit all required documentation with this form:**

- ✓ Signed, detailed letter from you, the student, explaining the extenuating circumstances, including your relationship with either your biological or adoptive parents. Include information regarding the length of time you have been in this situation, other people you have lived with and how you have financially provided for yourself during this time.
- ✓ Two detailed letters from independent 3<sup>rd</sup> party sources (ex. Counselor, medical authority, clergy, court, government agency) who can attest first hand to your circumstances. Those persons(s) writing letters should include their relationship to you and how long they have been aware of your situation.
- ✓ Submit any additional documentation that may be applicable to your situation, such as:
  - *Police report*
  - *Documentation of incarceration*
  - *Death Certificate*
  - *Court order*

*My signature below certifies that I understand the information provided above.*

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_