

Document Independent Status

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Student's Name (Last, First, MI)		Wildcat Identification Number
Student's K-State Email Address		Student's Phone Number

Please submit documentation of your independent status.

A student may be considered independent if unusual characteristics are true of the student.

You indicated on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) that one of the following is true:

- You are currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purpose other than training.
- At any time since you turned 13, both of your parents were deceased, you were in foster care or you were a dependent or ward of the court.
- You are or were an emancipated minor as determined by a court in your state of legal residence.
- You are or were in legal guardianship as determined by a court in your state of legal residence.
- Your high school or school district homeless liaison determined you to be an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless.
- A director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development determined you to be an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless.
- A director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program determined you to be an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless.
- You have now or will have children who will receive more than half their support from you between July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026.
- You have dependents (other than your children or your spouse) who live with you and who will receive more than half their support from you between July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026.

Please submit any of the following as documentation.

Your financial aid will not be processed until the documentation has been submitted and evaluated.

Copy of your current active duty orders.

Death certificates for both your parents.

Documentation of foster care placement at age 13 or older.

Copy of a court's decision placing you in custody of the state.

Copy of a court's decision which states that, as of today, you are an emancipated minor or are in legal guardianship.

Copy of a court's decision which states that you were an emancipated minor or were in legal guardianship immediately before you reached the age of adulthood in your state. The court must be located in your state of legal residence at the time the court's decision was issued.

Official documentation from your high school or school district homeless liaison that made the determination that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless.

Official documentation from the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program that made the determination that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless.

Official documentation from the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program that made the determination that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless.

Note: If you answered the dependency questions incorrectly on the FAFSA or you are unable to provide documentation of your independent student status, please correct your FAFSA and provide parental information.