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### 2020-2021 Documentation of Independent Student Status

The information requested on this form is needed to process your application for financial aid for the 2020-2021 academic year. On the 2020-2021 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), you indicated you meet one or more of the descriptions below. You have been selected to verify this information by providing documentation for at least one of the items below to confirm your Independent Status for the 2020-2021 academic year.

- MARRIED:** Submit a copy of your marriage certificate confirming you were married *at the time the FAFSA was filed*.
- ACTIVE DUTY IN THE U.S. ARMED FORCES:** Provide a copy of your Active Duty Orders indicating active duty service in the U.S. Armed Forces **for purposes other than training**.
- VETERAN:** Submit a copy of your DD214 form indicating release under a condition other than dishonorable for one of the following: active duty service in the U.S. Armed Forces or National Guard, Reserve enlistee called to active duty **for purposes other than training**, or cadet or midshipman at a service academy.
- DEPENDENT CHILDREN:** Submit a copy of your child's birth certificate **and** the Dependent Support Documentation form, available at indicating support of more than one-half for your child(ren) from now through June 30, 2021.
- LEGAL DEPENDENTS (OTHER THAN A SPOUSE):** Submit the Dependent Support Documentation form, available at <https://financialaid.missouri.edu/forms/files/dependent-support-documentation-form-2020-21.pdf> indicating support of more than one-half for your dependent(s), other than your child(ren)/spouse, from now and through June 30, 2021.
- ORPHAN, WARD OF THE COURT, OR FOSTER CARE:**
  - Submit a copy of each of your parent's death certificates **and** a copy of your birth certificate (or adoption paperwork) if you had no living parent (biological or adoptive) at any time since you turned aged 13, even if you are now adopted; or
  - Submit a copy of legal documentation indicating you were a dependent or ward of the court at any time since you turned age 13, even if you are no longer a dependent or ward of the court today; or
  - Submit a copy of documentation of foster care status if you were in foster care at any time since you turned age 13, even if you are no longer in foster care today.
- EMANCIPATED MINOR:** Submit a copy of an approved petition for emancipation, court orders, or other similar legal papers documenting emancipation as a minor. The documentation must confirm the student was emancipated prior to age 18. **NOTE: Emancipation due to a parent's divorce or child support termination does not meet the requirement as emancipated minor.**
- LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP:** Submit documentation of legal guardianship immediately before the age of 18 if you were in legal guardianship of someone other than your parent or stepparent. This could include a copy of the approved petition for guardianship, court order, or other similar legal papers.
- HOMELESS OR UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH:** Submit the Unaccompanied Youth and Homeless form, available at <https://financialaid.missouri.edu/forms/files/unaccompanied-youth-and-homeless-verification-form-2020-21.pdf> if you are an unaccompanied, homeless student or are self-supporting and at risk of being homeless at any time on or after July 1, 2019.

**NOTE:** If you are unable to document your independent status based on the above categories, then you are considered dependent for financial aid purposes. Please login to your FAFSA at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) and answer "No" to questions 46-58. You must also provide parental income and asset information as well as a parent signature (your parent can sign electronically using his/her own FSA ID). If you face extenuating circumstances preventing you from obtaining parental information for the FAFSA, please contact your Financial Aid Advisor.