

STUDENT NAME: _____

WCC ID #: _____

Your status as an independent student for financial aid purposes is based entirely on your response(s) to one or more of the dependency status questions on the 2021-2022 FAFSA. The Financial Aid Office requires proof of your status.

PLEASE NOTE – Your eligibility for financial aid cannot be determined until the verification process is complete.

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete this worksheet using blue or black ink, attach any required documentation, sign, and submit the completed package to the WCC Financial Aid Office for review.

Check the appropriate box below:

DEPENDENCY STATUS QUESTION	REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> At any time after age 13, <u>both</u> of my parents were deceased.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Copy of your birth certificate AND ▶ Copies of the death certificates for both parents
<input type="checkbox"/> At any time after the age of 13, I was in foster care OR I was a dependent or ward of the court.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Court documents confirming that you were in foster care or that you were a ward of the court at some time between the ages of 13 – 18.
<input type="checkbox"/> A court determined me to be an emancipated minor.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Court documents from your legal state of residence confirming your legal emancipation before your 18th birthday.
<input type="checkbox"/> I was in a legal guardianship with someone other than my biological parent and/or stepparent immediately before my 18 th birthday.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Court documents from your legal state of residence confirming the <u>legal guardianship</u>. (NOTE – custody is not legal guardianship, even if court ordered.)
<input type="checkbox"/> On or after July 1, 2020, I was determined to be either an unaccompanied youth who was homeless OR a self-supporting youth who was at risk of being homeless.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Homeless youth determination letter from a counselor OR director of a homeless shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.
<input type="checkbox"/> None of these situations applies to me – I am a dependent student.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Correct the dependency status questions on your FAFSA at studentaid.gov and add your parent's information.
<input type="checkbox"/> I have special circumstances that are not reflected above and am not able to provide any parent information.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Please contact the Financial Aid Office for guidance.

CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

By signing below, I certify that the information reported on this form and any supporting documentation is true and complete.

STUDENT SIGNATURE (REQUIRED)

DATE

WARNING: If you purposely provide false or misleading information to obtain financial aid, you may be fined, sent to prison, or both.

RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM WITH RELEVANT SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION TO:

**Wayne Community College - Financial Aid Office - PO Box 8002 - Goldsboro, NC 27533-8002
FAX: 919-736-9425**