

STUDENT NAME: _____

STUDENT ID: _____

Your status as an independent student for financial aid purposes is based entirely on your answer(s) to one or more of the dependency questions when you completed the 2023-2024 FAFSA. The Financial Aid & Veterans Services office requires proof of your status.

NOTE – Your eligibility for financial aid can be established only when the verification process is complete.

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete this worksheet using blue or black ink, attach any required documentation, sign, and return it to the Financial Aid & Veterans Services office for review.

Check the appropriate status below:

DEPENDENCY QUESTION	REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> At any time after the age of 13, <u>both</u> of my parents were deceased.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Copy of your birth certificate AND ▶ Copy of the death certificate for each parent
<input type="checkbox"/> At any time after age 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 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 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>. (IMPORTANT – custody is not the same as legal guardianship, even if court-ordered.)
<input type="checkbox"/> On or after July 1, 2021, 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 provide parent information.
<input type="checkbox"/> I have exceptional circumstances that are not reflected above and cannot provide parent information.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Please get in touch with Financial Aid & Veterans Services for guidance.

CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

My signature below confirms that the information reported on this form and any supporting documentation is accurate 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 REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION TO:

Wayne Community College – Financial Aid & Veterans Services – Wayne Learning Center – PO Box 8002 – Goldsboro, NC 27533-8002
EMAIL: wcc-finaid@waynecc.edu – FAX: 919-736-9425