

Your status as an independent student for financial aid purposes is based entirely on your response(s) to one or more of questions #47 – #50 or questions #53 - #58 on the 2016-2017 FAFSA. The Financial Aid Office requires verification of your status. **\*Your eligibility for financial aid cannot be determined until the verification process has been completed.**

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

WCC ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Complete and sign this worksheet, attach any required documentation 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"/> I am currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training.	A copy of your current official active duty orders or most recent LES.
<input type="checkbox"/> I am a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces.	A copy of your DD Form 214, "Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty".
<input type="checkbox"/> At any time after age 13, <u>both</u> of my parents were deceased.	Copies of the death certificates for both parents AND your birth certificate.
<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.	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"/> I was determined by a court to be an emancipated minor.	Court documents from your legal state of residence confirming your legal emancipation before your 18 <sup>th</sup> birthday.
<input type="checkbox"/> I was in a legal guardianship with someone other than my biological parent and/or step-parent immediately before my 18 <sup>th</sup> birthday.	Court documents from your legal state of residence confirming the legal guardianship.
<input type="checkbox"/> On or after July 1, 2015, I was determined to be either an unaccompanied youth who was homeless OR a self-supporting youth who was at risk of being homeless. <b>{NOTE: "youth" refers to individuals 21 years of age or younger}</b>	Document on official letterhead from your high school/school district homeless liaison, the director of an emergency shelter of transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development or the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center/transitional living program that confirms your status.
<input type="checkbox"/> None of these situations applies to me – I am a dependent student.	Make corrections to the dependency status questions on your FAFSA and add your parent's information.
<input type="checkbox"/> I have special circumstances that are not reflected above and am unable to provide any parent information.	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) NOTE: Print before signing - digital signatures are not acceptable

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 AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION TO:

**Wayne Community College - Financial Aid Office - PO Box 8002 - Goldsboro, NC 27533-8002**

**FAX: 919-736-9425 - EMAIL: [wcc-finaid@waynecc.edu](mailto:wcc-finaid@waynecc.edu)**

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