

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 2017-2018 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   |
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| <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 orders or your 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, 2016, I was determined to be either an unaccompanied youth who was homeless OR a self-supporting youth who was at risk of being homeless. {NOTE: "youth" refers to individuals 21 years of age or younger} | 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 at <a href="http://www.fafsa.gov">www.fafsa.gov</a> 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 documentation provided 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 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)