

2026-2027 INDEPENDENCE DOCUMENTATION

Student Name _____

NCCC STUDENT ID _____

At the time you completed your 2026-2027 FAFSA application you answered yes to one of the following which requires our office to collect documentation to verify your independent status. **Please mark the appropriate box and submit the required documentation.**

Independent Circumstance	Explanation of Circumstance	Documentation Required
<input type="checkbox"/> Orphan	At age 13 or older, you no longer have any living parent (biological or adoptive).	Provide a copy of parent's death certificate(s).
<input type="checkbox"/> Foster Child	At age 13 or older, you were in foster care.	Provide legal court documentation showing that you were in foster care.
<input type="checkbox"/> Ward of the Court	At age 13 or older, you were a dependent or ward of the court.	Provide legal court documentation showing ward of court status.
<input type="checkbox"/> Emancipated Minor	You are or were an emancipated minor as determined by a court in your state of legal residence before you reached the age of being an adult in your state	Provide a copy of a court's decision verifying you are an emancipated minor. The court must be in your state of legal residence. The State of New York does not have an emancipation of minor statute.
<input type="checkbox"/> Unaccompanied Youth	If you are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.	Provide documentation from homeless shelter director describing your situation.
<input type="checkbox"/> Legal Guardianship	You were in legal guardianship (other than a biological/adoptive parent) before you reached the age of being an adult in your state.	Provide a copy of a court's decision verifying you are in "legal guardianship" not custody . The court must be in your state of legal residence.
<input type="checkbox"/> None of the Above	You cannot provide supporting independent documentation.	If you have other special circumstances that prevent you from providing parental information on your FAFSA please contact us. If you do not, you must make corrections to your FAFSA to include parental information.

By signing this worksheet, I certify that all information reported on this worksheet is complete and accurate. I also understand that I must attach the documentation requested above, or I will not qualify as an independent student for financial aid purposes.

Student's Signature _____

Date _____

Return to:

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