

2025-2026 Documentation of Independent Status

Student Name: _____ Daytime phone #: _____

Last 4 of SS #: _____ Sooner ID #: _____

When you completed the FAFSA you answered yes to one or more questions which may mean you do not have to provide parental information on your FAFSA. You are required to provide supporting documentation of your answers in order to qualify for federal financial aid without reporting parental information. Please complete the form as indicated, attach the documentation as instructed, and **return this form along with the required documentation to the Student Financial Center or submit to the SFC Dropbox in One.ou.edu. Please do not submit this form by email.**

If you incorrectly answered YES to one of these questions, you should correct your FAFSA and check the box below and sign and return this form. Skip Sections One and Two.

_____ I incorrectly answered YES to one or more of the status questions on the FAFSA.
I have corrected my answer(s) to NO.

If you correctly answered YES to one or more of the status questions on the FAFSA please proceed:

Section One:

1. Are both your parents deceased? Yes____ No____

If you answered "yes" attach documentation. Documentation could include death certificates, funeral notices or a signed statement from a person such as a pastor, teacher, counselor, principal, social worker, or a medical or mental health professional. The signed statement should include the title or position of the person and contact information.

2. Since age 13 have you been in foster care? Yes____ No____

If you answered "yes" attach documentation from a social service agency (Department of Human Services, e.g.) or court.

3. Since age 13 have you been a dependent/ward of the court? Yes____ No____

If you answered "yes" attach documentation from a social service agency (Department of Human Services, e.g.) or court.

4. Are you or were you an emancipated minor as determined by a court in your state of legal residence? Yes____ No____

If you answered "yes" attach documentation from a court in the state of your legal residence.

5. Does someone other than your parent or stepparent have legal guardianship of you, as determined by a court in your state of legal residence? Yes____ No____

If you answered "yes" attach documentation from a court in the state of your legal residence.

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Section Two:

Please review the definition of homeless and unaccompanied youth below before answering these questions.

Homeless: lacking fixed, regular and adequate housing, which includes living in shelters, motels or cars, or temporarily living with people because you had nowhere else to go.

Unaccompanied youth: as of the day you signed the financial aid application you were not living in the physical custody of your parent or guardian AND you are 21 years of age or younger or you were still enrolled in high school.

1. At any time, on or after July 1, 2024, did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine you were **homeless or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless**?

Yes____ No____

If you answered "yes" attach documentation from the homeless liaison.

2. At any time, on or after July 1, 2024, did the director of an emergency shelter program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development determine that you were an **unaccompanied youth** who was **homeless or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless**?

Yes____ No____

If you answered "yes" attach documentation from the shelter program.

3. At any time, on or after July 1, 2024, did the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program determine that you were an **unaccompanied youth** who was **homeless or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless**?

Yes____ No____

If you answered "yes" attach documentation from the director of the program that determined your status.

4. Please describe in your own words where you have lived over the past 12 months. Use an additional sheet of paper if necessary.

Section Three

I certify that all information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and that I have provided the documentation requested to verify the information provided on this form. I understand I may be required to provide additional documentation to support this request. **THE PENALTY FOR SUBMISSION OF FRAUDULENT INFORMATION ON THIS FORM MAY INCLUDE REPAYMENT OF MONEY RECEIVED, PLUS A FINE AND/OR IMPRISONMENT.**

Student Signature/Date