



2026-2027 Independent Status Verification

Name

SWTX ID

Telephone Number

On your 2026-2027 FAFSA you marked yes to one or more of the situations listed below. These questions pertain to your dependency status used to determine your eligibility for federal financial aid. Read through the form carefully, mark the status that best describes your situation and provide the appropriate documentation.

- ☐ 1. At any time since you turned 13, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care or were you a dependent or ward of the court?
Provide documentation of your parent's death (i.e. death certificate, obituary, etc.), foster care, or ward of the court status.
- ☐ 2. Are you or were you an emancipated minor as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?
Provide copies of the court papers documenting your emancipation.
- ☐ 3. Are you or were you in legal guardianship as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?
Provide documentation of your legal guardianship. (The definition of a legal guardian does not include biological parents or adoptive parents.)
- ☐ 4. At any time on or after July 1, 2025, did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless?
- ☐ 5. At any time on or after July 1, 2025, did the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless?
- ☐ 6. At any time on or after July 1, 2025, 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 were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?
- ☐ 7. I marked this question in error on my FAFSA. **I have corrected this mistake by returning to www.studentaid.gov and include parental information.**

Student's Signature

Date signed