



Financial Aid and Scholarships

2025–2026 Confirmation of Independent Status

A. Student's Information (please print)

Student's Last Name Student's First Name Student's M.I. Student's SSN (Last 4-digits)

Student's Street Address (include apt. no.) Student's Email Address

City State Zip Code

Student's Home Phone Number (include area code) Student's Alternate or Cell Phone Number

B. Certification of Independent Status

If you meet any of the situations described in the field below, please check the appropriate 'Yes' or 'No' box below.

- ☐ At any time since you turned 13, were you an orphan (no living biological or adoptive parent)?
- ☐ At any time since you turned 13, were you a ward of the court?
- ☐ At any time since you turned 13, were you in foster care?
- ☐ As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you an emancipated minor?
- ☐ Does someone other than your parent or stepparent have legal guardianship of you, as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?

- At any time on or after July 1, 2025, were you an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless, as determined by one of the following persons:
 - The director or designee of an emergency or transitional shelter, street outreach program, homeless youth drop-in center, or other program serving those experiencing homelessness?
 - Your high school or school district homeless liaison or designee?
 - The director or designee of a project supported by a federal TRIO or GEAR UP program grant?
 - Your financial aid administrator (FAA)?

By submitting this form, you are certifying that the response checked is accurate.

☐ Yes

☐ No

Note: Please understand that if you mark 'Yes', your school may require you to provide proof/documentation that you have met at least one of the situations described above.