



2009-2010

Verification of Dependency Status

Student Name	Date:
Address	ID#: W
City, State, Zip	Email:

Your response to at least one of questions 55-60 on the 2009-10 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) indicates that you may not be required to provide parental information.

There is a lot of information and a variety of questions on this form to help us determine your dependency status for financial aid purposes. Please read it carefully, answer the questions below, sign and date this form, and provide the appropriate required documentation, according to your circumstances.

Due to significant recent changes in federal financial aid regulations, you are being asked to provide documentation for the 2009-2010 academic year even if you did so in a previous year. Once your new documentation has been verified as complete and acceptable, it will be retained as part of your financial aid file and will not be requested again in subsequent years. Your dependency status must be verified before we can determine your financial aid eligibility.

- (55) At any time since you turned age 13, were both your parents (biological or adoptive) deceased? Answer YES if you had no living parent (biological or adoptive) at any point in time since you turned 13, even if you are now adopted.**
 - YES. If you checked this box you are required to provide copies of death certificates for each parent. Attach copies of the death certificates to this form and submit to the Financial Aid Office.
 - Do not check YES if one parent is deceased and the whereabouts of your other parent is unknown.
 - NO. If you checked this box continue to question 2.
- (55) At any time since you turned age 13, were you in foster care? Answer YES even if you are no longer in foster care as of today.**
 - YES. If you checked this box you are required to provide a copy of all court documentation pertaining to your case OR a letter from the social services agency or case worker familiar with the circumstances that led to your being placed in foster care. Attach copies of your documentation and submit to the Financial Aid Office.
 - If you were in the California Foster Care Program, you may be eligible for the CHAFEE Grant for Foster Youth. Go to www.chafee.csac.ca.gov for more information and to apply.
 - NO. If you checked this box continue to question 3.
- (55) At any time between the ages of 13-18, were you declared a dependent/ward of the court? Answer YES even if you are no longer a dependent/ward of the court as of today.**
 - YES. If you checked this box you are required to provide a copy of all court documentation pertaining to your case OR a letter from the social services agency or case worker familiar with the circumstances that led to your being placed in the custody of the court. Attach copies of your documentation to this form and submit to the Financial Aid Office.
 - “ward of the court” means the court determined that your parent(s) were unable to care for you and the state or court took legal custody of you; you were removed from your parent(s)’ custody for your protection.
 - *Please note that a student classified by the state as “ward of the court” due to incarceration or juvenile detention is not considered independent for purposes of financial aid.*
 - NO. If you checked this box continue to question 4.

4. (56) Are you or were you an emancipated minor as determined by the court in your state of legal residence? Answer NO if you are still a minor and the court order is no longer in effect or the court's decision was not in effect at the time you became an adult.
- YES. If you checked this box you are required to provide a copy of a court's decision that as of today you are an emancipated minor or were immediately before you reached the age of being an adult in your state. The court must be located in your state of legal residence. Attach copies of your documentation to this form and submit to the Financial Aid Office.
- NO. If you checked this box continue to question 5.
5. (57) Are you today, or were you until you reached the age of being an adult in your state, in a legal guardianship as determined by a court in your state of legal residence? Answer NO if the court order is no longer in effect or was not in effect at the time you became an adult.
- YES. If you checked this box you are required to provide a copy of a court's decision that as of today you are in legal guardianship or were immediately before you reached the age of being an adult in your state. The court must be located in your state of legal residence. Attach copies of your documentation to this form and submit to the Financial Aid Office.
- NO. If you checked this box continue to question 6.
6. (58-60) At any time on or after July 1, 2008, were you an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or at risk of being homeless as determined by any of the following agencies?
- High school or school district homeless liaison.** If you checked this box provide a letter from your high school or school district liaison verifying your status. Attach a copy of the letter to this form and submit to the Financial Aid Office.
- Director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.** If you checked this box provide a letter from the director of the shelter that determined your status. Attach a copy of the letter to this form and submit to the Financial Aid Office.
- Director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program.** If you checked this box provide a letter from the director of the shelter or center that determined your status. Attach a copy of the letter to this form and submit to the Financial Aid Office.
- NO. If you checked this box continue to question 7.
7. If you answered NO to each of the previous questions, do you still feel you have extenuating circumstances that prevent you from providing parental information on the FAFSA?
- YES. If you checked this box meet with a Financial Aid Advisor to discuss your circumstances.
- NO. If you checked this box, we assume you made an error on the FAFSA, and you are required to report parental information on the FAFSA (questions 61-95). You may do so at www.fafsa.ed.gov. You will need to provide a parent PIN as the parent signature; if your parent does not have a PIN, one may be requested at www.PIN.ed.gov.

By signing this form, I certify that I have read all the information on it, and that all the information reported here or on other financial aid applications or documentation to qualify for student aid is complete and correct. I have attached required documentation.

WARNING: If you purposely give false or misleading information on this form or other financial aid documentation, you may be fined, prosecuted for fraud, and/or face other charges, including and will have to repay any financial aid funds you receive based on information provided on this form.

Student Signature	Date Signed

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Need additional information: _____

Based on review, this student is: Dependent / Independent Document rec'd _____

Reviewed by / date: _____