



On the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) for 2021-22, you answered “yes” to one or more questions which determines dependency status. To confirm that you are an independent student for aid eligibility status, check the appropriate answer to the boxes below and attach the required documentation.

Question:	Answer:	Documentation Required:
At anytime since you turned age 13, were both your biological/adoptive parents deceased, were you in foster care or were you a dependent or ward of the court? Please note: For federal student aid purposes, someone who is/was incarcerated is not considered a ward of the court.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Copy of the court order which placed you under the jurisdiction of the court, a letter from the appropriate state agency confirming that you are (or were until age 18) a ward of the court or copies of parent(s) death certificates. <input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if the documentation is already on file with the Financial Aid Office.
As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you an emancipated minor?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Copy of the final court order which declared you an emancipated minor. <input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if the documentation is already on file with the Financial Aid Office.
As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you in legal guardianship?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Copy of the final court order which declared you under legal guardianship. <input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if the documentation is already on file with the Financial Aid Office.
At any time on or after July 1, 2020, did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless? (see definitions below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	A letter from your school or school district that determined you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless. If you are unable to provide documentation, contact the Financial Aid Office.
At any time on or after July 1, 2020, 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 or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless? (see definitions below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	A letter from the director of an emergency shelter program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that identified you as an unaccompanied youth who was homeless. If you are unable to provide documentation, contact the Financial Aid Office.
At any time on or after July 1, 2020, 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? (see definitions below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	A letter from the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program that determined you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless. If you are unable to provide documentation, contact the Financial Aid Office.
Definitions: Homeless means lacking fixed, regular and adequate housing. You may be homeless if you are living in shelters, parks, motels or cars, or temporarily living with other people because you have nowhere else to go. Unaccompanied means you are not living in the physical custody of your parent or guardian.		

Student name printed _____

COCC ID number _____

Student signature _____

Date _____