



WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY

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2023-2024 Independent Student Status Confirmation

Student's Name: _____

Student's ID Number: _____

According to our records, you indicated on the 2023-2024 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) that you are an independent student because you met one of the following criteria and will need to submit confirming documentation to the Financial Aid Office, as indicated below:

✓	Independent Student Eligibility Criteria (check one)	Supporting Documentation Required
	I was born before January 1, 2000.	Copy of birth certificate or driver's license
	I was married before the date I filed the FAFSA.	Copy of marriage license
	I have a legal dependent other than a spouse, who will receive more than 50% of his/her financial support from me between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024.	Copy of your 2021 Tax Transcript from the IRS or a copy of your insurance policy listing your dependent(s).
	Both of my parents were deceased after I turned 13, even if I am now adopted.	Copies of your parents' death certificates or signed letters from family members documenting your circumstance. <i>If one parent is deceased and the other parent's whereabouts are unknown, attach a letter of explanation.</i>
	I am currently, or was, a ward/dependent of the court or in foster care since the age of 13.	Copy of court documentation regarding your ward/dependent of the court status. Copy of documentation from foster care agency
	I am or was an emancipated minor as determined by a court in my state of legal residence.	Copy of court documentation explaining that you are an emancipated minor as determined by a court in your state of legal residency.
	I am or was in legal guardianship as determined in my state of legal residence.	Copy of court documentation explaining your legal guardianship as determined by a court in your state of legal residency.
	I am currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces or a National Guard or Reserves enlistee who is on active duty for other than state or training purposes.	Signed letter from your commanding officer confirming your active duty status.
	I am a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces and received an honorable discharge.	Copy of your DD214 showing military service other than the Reserves or National Guard.
	I was homeless or at risk of being homeless.	Official letter from a high school district homeless liaison or the director of a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development funded homeless shelter. <i>The letter must include contact information for verification purposes.</i>
	I am a graduate or professional student	No supporting documentation required.
	I answered the FAFSA incorrectly and none of these conditions apply to me OR I have an unusual circumstance.	You must either update your 2023-2024 FAFSA by changing your answer(s) to the dependency questions and include your parental information and parental signature OR complete the Dependency Override form available on the Financial Aid webpage.

I hereby certify that all information contained in this document, including supporting documentation, is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if I am found to have knowingly or intentionally given false or fraudulent statements and/or documentation, I may be fined, imprisoned or both.

Signature _____

Date _____