



WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY

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2026-2027 Independent Student Status Confirmation

Student's Name: _____

Student's ID Number: _____

You indicated on the 2026-2027 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) that you are an independent student based on one of the criteria listed below. Please return this completed form, along with any necessary supporting documentation, to WLU's Office of Financial Aid.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Independent Student Eligibility Criteria (check one)	Supporting Documentation Required
	I have a legal dependent other than a spouse, who will receive more than 50% of his/her financial support from me now and between July 1, 2026 and June 30, 2027.	Copy of your 2024 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 or a copy of documentation from your foster care agency
	I am or was a legally emancipated minor as determined by a court in my state of legal residence.	Copy of court documentation explaining that you are a legally emancipated minor as determined by a court in your state of legal residency
	I am or was in legal guardianship as determined by a court 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 or am a National Guard or Reserves enlistee who was called to active duty for other than state or training purposes or was a cadet or midshipman at one of the service academies, and was released from service under a condition other than dishonorable.	Copy of your DD214 showing military service with active duty
	I am (or was any time on/after July 1, 2025) unaccompanied and homeless or self-supporting and 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 answered the FAFSA incorrectly and none of these conditions apply to me OR I have an unusual circumstance.	You must either update your 2026-2027 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