

Independency Verification

2024-2025

University of South Florida
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Student's Name: _____ USF ID: U _____

A requirement has been posted to your Student Self-Service account based on information you provided on the FAFSA.
You must provide documentation to verify your independent status.

Instructions: Check the one status below that applies to you, and provide the documentation indicated.

Section 1:

Situation	Acceptable Documentation
FCWC – Foster Care/Ward of the Court/Deceased Parents <input type="checkbox"/> I have no living parent (biological or adoptive) <input type="checkbox"/> Since I turned 13, I was in foster care <input type="checkbox"/> Since I turned 13, I was dependent or ward of the court <input type="checkbox"/> I made a mistake on my FAFSA*	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Death certificates• Certification from social worker• Court Documentation
EMLG – Emancipated Minor/Legal Guardianship <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I am or was an emancipated minor <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I am or was in legal guardianship (<i>not legal custody</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> I made a mistake on my FAFSA*	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Copy of court's decisions that as of today you are an emancipated minor or are in legal guardianship or were prior to reaching the age of majority in your state
HMLS – Homelessness <input type="checkbox"/> On or after July 1, 2023, a director of an emergency or transitional shelter, street outreach program homeless youth drop-in center, or other program serving those experiencing homelessness determined I was an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or at risk of becoming homeless <input type="checkbox"/> On or after July 1, 2023, my high school or district homeless liaison determined I was an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or at risk of becoming homeless <input type="checkbox"/> On or after July 1, 2023, a director of a program funded under a Trio or Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for an Undergraduate Program ("GEAR UP") grant determined I was an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or at risk of becoming homeless <input type="checkbox"/> I made a mistake on my FAFSA*	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Copies of official school district documentation• Copies of official documentation on letterhead from the director of an emergency shelter/ transitional housing program/ homeless shelter/ Trio / GEAR UP

***If you made a mistake on your FAFSA, you must update your FAFSA with your parent's information.**

Section 2:

Housing plans for 2024-2025 school year:

I will live on campus I will live off campus

Section 3:

Certification:

I certify that all the information reported to qualify for federal student aid is complete and correct. WARNING: If you purposely give false or misleading information on this form, you may be fined, be sentenced to jail, or both.

Signature (must be handwritten in pen or signed via DocuSign)

Date

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