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EMPLID:	
Date:	

2023 – 2024 Independent Status Verification

You answered YES to at least one of the dependency related questions in Step 3 of the 2023-2024 FAFSA application. Provide documentation related to the applicable condition(s) to verify your dependency status.

- Emancipation—As of today, I am an emancipated minor as determined by a court in my state of legal residence. The emancipation must be determined by a court, not an attorney. Prior to reaching the age of being an adult in your state. Provide court documentation that verifies that you are emancipated.
- 2. Legal Guardianship—As of today, I am in legal guardianship as determined by a court in my state of legal residence. Provide court documentation that verifies you are/were in the custody of a legal guardian.
- 3. Homelessness—The federal government has determined that one of three sources can document your status as an unaccompanied youth who was homeless. You must submit a letter from one of the following sources:
 - a. Your high school or school district homeless liaison.
 - b. The director of an emergency shelter funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.
 - c. Director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program
- 4. If you do not meet any of the above conditions you are considered Dependent for financial aid purposes and must update your FAFSA application with your parent's information.