

Proof of Independent Status

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The federal government requires LAPU to confirm this information to complete your application for financial aid.

Emancipated Minor Documentation	Must submit copy of the court judgment for legal emancipation. Required when a student reports “yes” to the emancipation question on the FAFSA. In order to be eligible to claim emancipation, a judge must legally declare emancipation before the individual reached the age of majority in the state of residence. If the student is still a minor, the court order must still be in effect at the time you file your FAFSA.
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Homeless Documentation	If student answered “yes” to any of questions about homelessness on the FAFSA, documentation of the status is required. Submit a letter or documentation of homeless information from one of following: * A high school or school district liaison * A director of an accredited HUD homeless shelter * A director of a runaway/transitional living program or homeless youth basic shelter If you are not able to provide the above documentation, please submit an explanation regarding your homeless status.
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Orphan/Ward of Court/Foster Care Documentation	Under the statute, the student is independent because the student was an orphan, ward of the court or foster child at ANY time after turning age 13. This is true even if the student’s status changed later. If this situation applies, a student must submit documentation that they are an orphan (birth certificate, along with death certificates for both biological parents) or a copy of the court judgment for ward of court decision. Examples of documents that could attest the student’s former foster youth status: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Copy of a court order• The statement of a state or county child welfare agency• The statement of a private provider agency that delivers child welfare services• The statement from an attorney, guardian ad litem, or court-appointed special advocate documenting the person’s relationship to the student as well as the latter’s foster youth status. Required when a student reports “yes” to the orphan/ward of court/foster care question on the FAFSA. If you are not able to provide the above documentation, please submit an explanation regarding orphan/ward of court/foster care status.
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For security purposes, all documents must be submitted to [Verify My FAFSA](#). Please do not email or fax documents directly to LAPU.