



## 2023-2024 Independent Status Verification

### Section A – Student Information (Print clearly)

Last Name                      First Name                      M.I.                      Email

#### **Instructions:**

1. Complete and sign this worksheet.
2. Submit all documents together. Once reviewed, the decision is final.
3. Clearly print UIN on every page of 8 ½ x 11 legible copies of supporting documentation.

### Section B – Independent Status Reason(s)

When completing the 2023-2024 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), you indicated you were independent for financial aid purposes due to at least one of the reasons listed on this form. Check the reason(s) that apply to you and submit the appropriate documentation. **If you cannot provide the documentation outlined on this form, you are likely to be considered dependent for financial aid purposes. Upon review of this form and accompanying documentation, your financial aid will be reviewed. You will be notified if it is determined that you need to make corrections to your 2023-2024 FAFSA.**

- \_\_\_ A. You indicated you are married. You must have been married as of the date you submitted your original FAFSA, except in rare cases as determined by a financial aid administrator. You may indicate you are married if you are separated, but not divorced. **Documentation required:** *Copy of your marriage certificate from the Vital Records Office.*
- \_\_\_ B. At any time since you turned age 13, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care, or were you a dependent or ward of the court? **Documentation required:** *Photocopy of birth certificate, both parents' death certificates, or court documents attesting to foster care or ward-of-the-court status.*
- \_\_\_ C. As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you an emancipated minor? **Documentation required:** *Photocopies of court documents attesting to emancipated minor status.*
- \_\_\_ D. As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you in legal guardianship? **Documentation required:** *Photocopies of court documents appointing legal guardianship. Notarized letters are NOT legal documents.*
- \_\_\_ E. For recent high school graduate, at any time on or after July 1, 2022, did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied, homeless youth? **Documentation required:** *Photocopy of a signed letter on official letterhead from school district liaison certifying homeless or at-risk status. Established UIC students cannot submit a high school letter.*

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- \_\_\_\_\_ F. At any time on or after July 1, 2022, did the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development determine that you were an unaccompanied, homeless youth? **Documentation required:** *Photocopy of a signed letter on official letterhead from a director of a qualifying shelter or program certifying homeless or at risk status.*
- \_\_\_\_\_ G. At any time on or after July 1, 2022, did the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless? **Documentation required:** *Photocopy of a signed letter on official letterhead from a director of a qualifying shelter or program certifying homeless or at-risk status.*
- \_\_\_\_\_ H. Do you have children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024? **Documentation required:** *Complete Section C.*
- \_\_\_\_\_ I. Do you have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2024? **Documentation required:** *Complete Section C.*

### Section C – Child/Dependent Support Verification

**\*\*Only complete this section if:**

- a. You indicated H or I above in Section B AND
- b. Your Income is greater than the Poverty level guidelines. If your income is less than these guidelines, you are considered to be dependent for financial aid purposes and must update your FAFSA Dependency section to not supporting a child/dependent.

2022 Poverty Guidelines for the 48 Contiguous States and the District of Columbia	
Household Size	Poverty Guideline
1	\$13,590
2	\$18,310
3	\$23,030
4	\$27,750
5	\$32,470
6	\$37,190
7	\$41,910
8	\$46,630
9+	For households with more than 8 persons, add \$4,720 for each additional person

\*\*Submit ALL documentation listed in numbers 1-6 on the next page, including the chart with number 6.

\*\*If you do not meet the criteria for supporting the person(s) listed below or do not submit documentation, please update the FAFSA with the correct answer to the Dependency questions. You will not be considered independent for FAFSA.

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**Submit documentation in #1 - #6 below to verify support of your child or other dependent:**

- List the names of your children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024 or the dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2024.

Name	Age	Relationship
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- Submit a copy of a current lease in your name. If you live with your parents, submit a copy of your lease agreement and cancelled checks. If you do not have a lease agreement for your rent, then you are unable to declare dependency status for these children/dependents. Return and update the Dependency questions on the FAFSA.
- Submit (a) a signed 2021 IRS Federal Tax Return with IRS Schedules 1, 2, and 3 and (b) all 2021 W-2 forms and/or benefit statements for the 2021 tax year.
- Attach copies of birth certificates for the dependents above who are your children. If the persons above are not your children, submit a signed statement explaining why you feel the individuals listed are your dependents.
- Submit proof of medical insurance for you and the individuals listed above.
- Complete the following chart detailing the estimated monthly income and expenses (provide specific breakdowns for yourself and the dependents listed). If your income does not support the persons listed above, you will need to update the FAFSA to no dependents.

**INCOME per Month**

Income Projected from Work	\$
Total amount of bills paid on my behalf from parents, friends, etc.	\$
Untaxed Income from Child Support, Veteran Non-educational Benefits, etc.	\$
Untaxed Income from welfare payments, Untaxed Social Security benefits, etc.	\$
Other Income (please list source)	\$
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$</b>

**EXPENSES per Month**

Rent/Housing	\$
Food	\$
Utilities and Cellphone	\$
Transportation Costs	\$
Education/Childcare	\$
Clothing	\$
Insurance	\$
Activities/Entertainment	\$
Other: (list: _____)	\$
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**Section D – Statement of Certification**

**IMPORTANT:**

- Clearly print UIN on every page of 8 ½ x 11 legible copies.
- Include signatures.

I certify that the information provided on this form and any attachments are true and correct.

**Student Signature**

**Date**

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