

2025-2026 Independent Status Verification

Section C – Child/Other People Support Verification

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

- a. You indicated **B** above in Section B AND
- b. Your Income is *greater than* the Poverty Guidelines. If your income is less than these guidelines, you are considered to be dependent for financial aid purposes and you must update your FAFSA on the Student Personal Circumstances section by unchecking the option that asks about supporting a child/other people.

2024 Poverty Guidelines for the 48 Contiguous States and the District of Columbia	
Household Size	Poverty Guideline
1	\$15,060
2	\$20,440
3	\$25,820
4	\$31,200
5	\$36,580
6	\$41,960
7	\$47,340
8	\$52,720
9+	For households with more than 8 persons, add \$5,380 for each additional person.

**Submit ALL documentation listed in numbers 1-6 below, 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 question that asks about supporting a child/other people. You will not be considered independent for FAFSA.

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

- List the names of your children who receive more than half of their support from you now and between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026, or the other people (excluding your spouse, if married) who live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you now and between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026.

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/other people. Return to the FAFSA and update the question that asks about supporting a child/other people.

- Submit (a) a signed 2023 IRS Federal Tax Return with IRS Schedules 1, 2, and 3 and (b) all 2023 W-2 forms and/or benefit statements for the 2023 tax year.

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4. Attach copies of birth certificates for the dependents above who are your children. If the people listed above are not your children, submit a signed statement explaining why you feel the individuals listed are other people you support.
5. Submit proof of medical insurance for you and the individuals listed above.
6. Complete the following chart detailing the estimated monthly income and expenses (provide specific breakdowns for you and the people listed). If your income does not support the people listed above, you will need to update the question about supporting a child/other people on the FAFSA.

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)	\$
Total Income	\$

EXPENSES per Month

Rent/Housing	\$
Food	\$
Utilities and Cellphone	\$
Transportation Costs	\$
Education/Childcare	\$
Clothing	\$
Insurance	\$
Activities/Entertainment	\$
Other: (list: _____)	\$
Other: (list: _____)	\$

Section D – Statement of Certification

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

Student's Signature

Date

NOTE: Signatures cannot be typed or stamped. They must be a signature.

Section E – Submission Instructions

What you should do:

1. Complete this entire worksheet. Answer all questions and SIGN the form.
2. Submit ALL documents at the same time.
3. Upload this form and all required documents on the UIC Portal.
 - a. Login to the UIC Portal at <https://my.UIC.edu>
 - b. Click on the "Student" tab
 - c. Click on "Financial Aid Menu"
 - d. You should then be on the Financial Aid "Home" tab
 - e. Choose the 2025-2026 Award Year
 - f. Under Unsatisfied Requirements, click "Choose File"

For additional upload instructions, please visit https://docs.financialaid.uic.edu/docs/PDF_upload_guide.pdf.

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