



On the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) for 2024-245, you answered “yes” to one or more questions which determines dependency status. To confirm that you are an independent student for aid eligibility status, check the appropriate answer to the boxes below and attach the required documentation.

Question:	Answer:	Documentation Required:
<p>At anytime since you turned age 13, were both your biological/adoptive parents deceased, were you in foster care or were you a dependent or ward of the court? Please note: For federal student aid purposes, someone who is/was incarcerated is not considered a ward of the court.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>Copy of the court order which placed you under the jurisdiction of the court, a letter from the appropriate state agency confirming that you are (or were until age 18) a ward of the court or copies of parent(s) death certificates.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if you are approved for a Chafee Grant. Chafee recipients are not required to provide documentation.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if the documentation is already on file with the Financial Aid Office.</p>
<p>As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you an emancipated minor?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>Copy of the final court order which declared you an emancipated minor.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if the documentation is already on file with the Financial Aid Office.</p>
<p>As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you in legal guardianship?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>Copy of the final court order which declared you under legal guardianship.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if the documentation is already on file with the Financial Aid Office.</p>
<p>Do you provide more than 50% of the financial support for a child or dependent?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>Provide a signed statement explaining the resources you use to support the child or dependent.</p>

Student name printed

COCC ID number

Student signature

Date