

Student Rocket Number

Student Last Name

Student First Name

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Preferred Phone Number



Independent Status Worksheet 2009-10

According to our records, you answered "Yes" to one or more of the following questions on your 2009-2010 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This allowed you to complete your FAFSA without providing parental information. Before the processing of your federal financial aid application can continue, the Office of Student Financial Aid is required to verify your independent status. Please complete, sign, and return this worksheet with the required documentation listed below. If there are any differences between your application information and your documentation, our office may require additional information. Please complete this process as soon as possible so that your financial aid won't be delayed.

What you need to do now . . .

Read the following questions and check "YES" or "NO" for each one. If you answer "YES," you must provide the required documentation listed.

- At any time since you turned age 13, were both of your parents deceased, were you in foster care, or were you a dependent or ward of the court? YES _____ NO _____
 - If both of your parents are deceased, **you are required** to provide copies of each of your parent's death certificates and a copy of your birth certificate.
 - If you were in foster care or if you were a dependent or ward of the court, **you are required** to provide copies of court or legal documents verifying that status.
- Are you or were you an emancipated minor or in a legal guardianship, as determined by a court in your state of legal residence? YES _____ NO _____
 - **You are required** to provide a copy of a court's decision that as of the day you filed your 2009-2010 FAFSA, you were an emancipated minor or were in legal guardianship immediately before you reached the age of being an adult in your state. The court must be located in your state of legal residence at the time the court's decision was issued.
- At any time on or after July 1, 2008, did your high school or school district homeless liaison, or director of a runaway or homeless youth center or transitional living program determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or that you were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless? YES _____ NO _____

-OR-

At any time on or after July 1, 2008, 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 youth who was homeless? YES _____ NO _____

- **You are required** to provide proof of a determination regarding your situation from an appropriate source such as the director of the program that made that decision. This documentation must include the name of the individual who made the decision, their title, the official name of the program they represent, and how they can be reached. The period of time involved must have been any time on or after July 1, 2008.

"Homeless" means lacking fixed, regular, and adequate housing which includes living in shelters, motels, cars, or temporarily living with other people because you had nowhere else to go.

"Unaccompanied" means you are not living in the physical custody of your parent or guardian.

"Youth" means you are under 21 years of age or younger, or you were still enrolled in high school as of the day you signed your 2009-2010 FAFSA.

Certification Statement

I certify that all of the information reported above, used to determine eligibility for federal student financial aid, is true and correct.

Student Signature

Date

RETURN TO: The University of Toledo
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