

2023-2024 PROOF OF INDEPENDENT STATUS

Student Name: _____

Student ID Number: **P** _____

You reported on your 2023-2024 FAFSA that you are an independent student. Indicate which of the items below qualify you to be classified as an independent student. You must submit all required documents indicated with the item you select.

- I was married as of the day I filed the FAFSA (also check this box if you were separated, but not divorced)
 - a copy of my marriage certificate is included **or** submitted to Financial Planning in the prior year
- At the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year, I will be working on a master's or doctorate degree
 - Will you be attending Graduate school at Wingate University in 2023-2024? No Yes; Program: _____
- I am currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training
 - a letter from the Department of Defense verifying my status is included
- I am a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces.
 - a copy of my DD214 is included **or** submitted to Financial Planning in the prior year
- I have a child/children who will receive more than half of their support from me between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024
 - I have attached the **Verification of Legal Dependents Form** (<https://www.wingate.edu/admissions/financial-aid/forms-and-policies>)
- I have dependents (other than my children or spouse) who live with me and will receive more than half of their support from me, now through June 30, 2024
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- At the age of 13 or older, my parents were deceased
 - copies of death certificates are included **or** submitted to Financial Planning in the prior year
- At the age of 13, or older, I was in foster care
 - copy of foster care court records are included **or** submitted to Financial Planning in the prior year
- At the age of 13, or older, I was a dependent or ward of the court
 - copy of official ward of the court records are included **or** submitted to Financial Planning in the prior year
- As determined by a court in my state of legal residence, I am or was an emancipated minor
 - copies of emancipated minor court records are included **or** submitted to Financial Planning in the prior year
- As determined by a court in my state of legal residence, I am in legal guardianship by someone other than my parent or stepparent
 - copies of legal guardianship court records are included **or** submitted to Financial Planning in the prior year
- At any time after July 1, 2022, my high school, school district homeless liaison, director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of HUD, or the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program determined that I was an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or self-supporting in risk of being homeless
 - copy of McKinney-Vento documentation from the school district, HUD Department, etc. is included
- None of the above**
 - I have visited fafsa.gov and corrected my 2023-2024 FAFSA to include my parental information.
 - I have extenuating circumstances and would like to request a Dependency Appeal Form for the first time.
(This does not guarantee you will be granted Independent Status, you may still be required to provide parental information.)
 - My Dependency Appeal was approved in a prior year based on the documents submitted and I certify that my circumstances have not changed.

STUDENT SIGNATURE

I certify that all information on this form is true and complete.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

(DO NOT PRINT OR TYPE YOUR NAME)