



2025-2026

WINGATE UNIVERSITY VERIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT STUDENT STATUS

STUDENT INFORMATION

List your full name and Wingate University Student ID number below.

Full Name	Wingate University ID #

STUDENT PERSONAL AND UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES

You reported on the 2025-2026 FAFSA Form that you have circumstances that could allow you to be considered an Independent Student at Wingate University for financial aid purposes. Please select the option below that best corresponds to your circumstance:

☐ 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 Aid in a prior year

☐ I will be enrolled in a Master's, Doctorate, or Graduate Certificate Program during the 2025-2026 academic year.

☐ 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 Aid in a prior year

☐ I have a child/children or other dependents who live with me and who will receive more than half of their support from me between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026 and am requesting a **2025-2026 Verification of Legal Dependents Form**.

☐ At any time since the age of 13 I was considered to be an orphan, with no living biological or adoptive parents.
☐ copies of death certificates are included **or** ☐ submitted to Financial Aid in a prior year

☐ At any time since the age of 13 I was in foster care.
☐ copy of foster care court records are included **or** ☐ submitted to Financial Aid in a prior year

☐ At any time since the age of 13 I was considered to be a ward of the court.
☐ copy of official ward of the court records are included **or** ☐ submitted to Financial Aid in a prior year

☐ As determined by a court in my state of legal residence, I am or was legally declared an emancipated minor.
☐ copies of emancipated minor court records are included **or** ☐ submitted to Financial Aid in a prior year

☐ As determined by a court in my state of legal residence, I am or was in legal guardianship by someone other than my parent or stepparent.
☐ copies of legal guardianship court records are included **or** ☐ submitted to Financial Aid in a prior year

☐ At any time after July 1, 2024, 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 2025-2026 FAFSA to include my parental information.
☐ I have extenuating circumstances and would like to request a **Dependency Appeal Form** for the first time.
☐ My Dependency Appeal was approved in 2024-2025 and I certify that my circumstances have not changed.
☐ I am a dependent student and my parent(s) are unwilling to provide their information on my FAFSA form.
I request an Unsubsidized Loan **only** and understand that I will not be eligible for other federal/state financial aid funds.

STUDENT SIGNATURE

I certify that all of the information reported is complete and accurate. By signing this form, I authorize Wingate University to make any changes to the originally reported FAFSA data resulting from this verification process. **Important Note:** A typed name **is not** a signature.

Student Signature & Date