

Required Documentation to Confirm Independent Status

This document outlines the information we need to confirm your independent status based on how you completed your FAFSA. All documentation should be uploaded via the Dashboard (temple.verifymyfafsa.com) and can be accessed from your TUPortal. We cannot issue your financial aid offer until we have confirmed your Independent Status, so please submit all of the documentation requested. Additional information may be requested based on the details in your statement or the documents provided.

Independent Status Question:	Personal Statement	Required Documentation
You are Married.	Not Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valid marriage license
You are currently serving on Active Duty in the US Armed Forces.	Not Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Military orders that clearly indicate current active duty status
You are a veteran of the US Armed Forces	Not Required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DD214 showing any discharge other than dishonourable
You have a child or legal dependent who will receive more than half of their support from you this year.	Must Include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who is the dependent? • How you support him/her/them • Your monthly income • Your monthly expenses • Where you live 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent Status – Legal Dependent or Child Form • Documentation outlining housing, support, • Pay stubs demonstrating monthly income
You are an orphan, <i>or</i> Between the ages of 13 and 18, you were in foster care, <i>or</i> Between the ages of 13 and 18, you were a ward of the court/state	Must Include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where you live and how you support yourself • The names and (if applicable) whereabouts of your parents • Any pertinent details of your current situation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Death certificates (if applicable), or • Court documentation, or • Statements from case worker, foster family, or other disinterested third-party

<p>You are an Emancipated Minor. (Note: this is not applicable to child support orders)</p>	<p>Must Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where you live and how you support yourself • The details of your emancipation including the date of the order and your age at the time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Court documentation
<p>You have a court-appointed legal guardian.</p>	<p>Must Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who is/are your guardian(s) • How they are related to you • The names and current whereabouts of your parents • Where do you currently live • Who supports you or how you support yourself 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Court documentation that clearly indicates “legal guardianship” (not custody)
<p>You are an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or at risk of homelessness</p>	<p>Must Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outline of your current situation • Where you live and how you support yourself 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement from high school or school district homeless liaison on official letter head, or • Statement from the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program, or • Statement from the director of a runaway or homeless youth center or transitional living program on official letterhead

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