

Unusual Circumstances affecting Dependency Status – Definitions and Documentation for the 2023-2024 FAFSA

Typically, a student is independent only if the student is married, has a dependent child, has other dependents, is over the age of 24, or is a veteran of U.S. Armed Forces. However, an applicant may be considered independent in the unusual circumstances described below Financial Aid Office

		Additional documentation may be requested
Unaccompanied Youth	This is defined as a student who was determined by a high school or homeless liaison to be an unaccompanied youth who was homeless at any time after July 1, 2022.	Letter from the school district liaison on official letterhead stating that student was considered an unaccompanied youth.
Homeless	<p>For the FAFSA, homeless is defined by the McKinney-Vento Act and means individuals who lack fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence, within the meaning of section 103(a)(1) at any time after July 1, 2022. Generally, you are homeless if your primary nighttime residence is a public or private place not designed to be used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings; living in motels or camping grounds due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations; living in emergency shelters.</p> <p>You are NOT homeless UNTIL you do not have a place to sleep at night and must use with live continued if hard on risk</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A personal statement which explains your homeless homeless AND • Letter from homeless shelter, social worker, professional counselor, physician on official letterhead affirming that you are homeless and the time period of homelessness or that you are currently homeless due to the risk for harm when living with parents.
Emancipated Minor	An emancipated minor is an individual who has petitioned the court for legal emancipation to be freed from control by parents and the parents are freed from any	