



## Verification of Dependency Status 2026-2027

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<b>Student's Name:</b>	<b>Emory ID (EMPL):</b>
Email Note: Communications regarding this request will be sent <b>via email to the student's address marked as preferred in OPUS.</b>	<b>Last 4 Digits of Student SSN (if ID Number Unknown):</b>  <div style="text-align: center;">XXX - XX - _____</div>
<p>INSTRUCTIONS: Our records indicate that you may be considered an independent student due to being an emancipated minor, under legal guardianship, a ward of the court, under foster care, or at risk of homelessness. Please return the completed form and all <b>required documentation</b> to the Office of Financial Aid.</p>	
<b>Document Submission Instructions</b>	
<p>Documents requested by the Office of Financial Aid may be submitted via US mail, email or fax. <b>In an effort to safeguard your personal information, the Office prefers that forms be submitted via fax.</b> When submitting documentation, please do not submit image files or photographs.</p>	
<p>I qualify as an independent student due to one of the following, and <b><u>will provide supporting documentation</u></b>:</p> <div style="display: flex; flex-wrap: wrap;"> <div style="width: 50%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> I am an emancipated minor         </div> <div style="width: 50%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> I am under legal guardianship         </div> <div style="width: 50%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> I am dependent or ward of the court         </div> <div style="width: 50%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> I am in foster care         </div> <div style="width: 100%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> I am homeless or I am at risk of being homeless (<i>verification section below completed must be by proper authority</i>)         </div> </div> <p>I am providing the following documentation in support of my request to be considered an independent student:</p> <div style="display: flex;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Court Documents         <input type="checkbox"/> Other supplemental documents       </div>	
<p><b>Certification Statement</b></p> <p>I certify that the information I am providing is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I, the student, agree to notify the Office of Financial Aid if the circumstance described changes</p> <p>Student's Signature _____ Date _____</p>	
<p><b>ONLY FOR STUDENTS CLAIMING HOMELESSNESS, THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY PROPER VERIFYING AUTHORITY</b></p> <p>CHECK ONE TO CONFIRM THE STATUS OF THE STUDENT ABOVE:</p>	
<div style="margin-bottom: 10px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> This student was an unaccompanied homeless youth on or after July 1, 2025  <i>This means that, on or after July 1, 2025, the student listed above was living in a homeless situation, as defined by Section 725 of the McKinney-Vento Act, and was not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.</i> </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> This student was an unaccompanied, self-supporting youth at risk of homelessness on or after July 1, 2025  <i>This means that, on or after July 1, 2025 the student listed above was not in the physical custody of parent or guardian, provides for his/her own living expenses entirely on his/her own, and is at risk of losing his/her housing.</i> </div>	
<p>As per the College Cost Reduction and Access Act (Public Law 110-84), I am authorized to verify this student's living situation. No further verification by the Financial Aid Administrator is necessary. Should you have additional question or need more information about this student, please use the contact information below.</p> <p>I certify that I am providing this letter of verification as a (check one):</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <input type="checkbox"/> A School District Liaison         <input type="checkbox"/> A director or designee of a HUD-funded shelter         <input type="checkbox"/> A director or designee of a RHYA-funded shelter       </div> <p>Name _____ Phone _____</p> <p>Email _____ Organization _____</p> <p>Signature of Certifying Authority _____ Date _____</p>	