SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY · 1873

/ STUDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES

/ 2027-2028 INDEPENDENT STATUS CONFIRMATION

Name:_____ Student ID #:_____

☐ **Active Duty in the U.S. Armed Forces**	Submit a copy of your active duty orders, indicating active duty service in the U.S. Armed Forces. *(For financial aid, National Guard Active Duty requires being called to active duty by the President; completing training alone does not qualify.)*
☐ **Veteran**	Submit a copy of your DD214 form indicating release under a condition other than dishonorable.*(For financial aid, National Guard Veterans must have been on active duty for purposes other than training.)*
☐ **Legal Dependent(s), which you provide majority support**	Submit a copy of your child's birth certificate or legal guardianship documentation. *Unborn children not included.
☐ YES ☐ NO	Do you currently provide more than 50% of the support for your child(ren) or legal dependent, and will you continue to provide more than 50% of the support through June 30, 2028
☐ **Orphan, Ward of the Court, or Foster Care**	Submit one of the following: - A copy of each of your parent's death certificates and a copy of your birth certificate (or adoption paperwork if you had no living parent (biological or adoptive) at any time since you turned age 13, even if you are adopted; or - A copy of legal documentation indicating you were a dependent or ward of the court at any time since you turned age 13, even if you are no longer one today; or - A copy of documentation of foster care status if you were in foster care at any time since you turned age 13, even if you are no longer in foster care today
☐ **Emancipated Minor**	Submit a copy of an approved petition for emancipation, court orders, or other similar legal papers documenting emancipation as a minor. The documentation must confirm the student was emancipated prior to age 18. *(NOTE: Emancipation due to a parent's divorce or child support termination does not meet this requirement)*
☐ **Legal Guardianship**	Submit documentation that you were in a legal guardianship before the age of 18 and remained in guardianship until your 18th birthday, with someone other than your parent or stepparent. This could include a copy of the approved petition for guardianship, court order, or other similar legal papers.
☐ **None of the Above**	Since you are unable to document your independent status based on the above categories, you are considered dependent for financial aid purposes. Please login to your FAFSA at www.fafsa.gov and answer "None of these apply" to question 5. You must also provide parental income and asset information as well as a parent signature. *(Your parent can sign electronically using his/her own FSA ID.)*

CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE:

By signing this worksheet, I certify that all information is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Student Signature:_____ Date:_____

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