



Student ID #: _____

Date received: _____

2026-2027 Self-supporting Status Form – Documentation of INDEPENDENCE

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Student Name _____ Student Signature _____ Last 4 digits of SSN _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Current phone/cell _____

Please provide the additional information required to confirm your independent status and complete your file and/or verification. You MUST provide documentation to show your independent status:

- You are married.**
 - You provided documentation of these circumstances to NWC during your previous academic year enrolled at NWC and therefore no additional documentation required.
 - You have not previously provided documentation of these circumstances to NWC. Provide a copy of your marriage certificate with this form.

- You have children (or other dependents not including spouse) who live with you and will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.**
 - You provided documentation of these circumstances to NWC during your previous academic year enrolled at NWC and therefore no additional documentation required.
 - You have not previously provided documentation of these circumstances to NWC. Provide a copy of dependent’s birth certificate.

- Both of your parents were deceased when you were 13 years or older.**
 - You provided documentation of these circumstances to NWC during your previous academic year enrolled at NWC and therefore no additional documentation required.
 - You have not previously provided documentation of these circumstances to NWC. Provide a copy of death certificate(s).

- You were (at age 13 or beyond) a ward/dependent of the court or in foster care.**
 - You provided documentation of these circumstances to NWC during your previous academic year enrolled at NWC and therefore no additional documentation required.
 - You have not previously provided documentation of these circumstances to NWC. Provide a copy of the court order, or the statement of a state or county child welfare agency or the statement of a private provider agency that delivers child welfare services or the statement from an attorney, guardian ad litem or court appointed special advocate documenting the person’s relationship to the student as well as the latter’s foster youth status.

- You are a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces and/or are engaged in active duty.**
 - You provided documentation of these circumstances to NWC during your previous academic year enrolled at NWC and therefore no additional documentation required.
 - You have not previously provided documentation of these circumstances to NWC. Provide a copy of your DD214 long form or documentation of active-duty status.

- You are an emancipated minor or are in a legal guardianship as determined by a court in your state of legal residence at the time you completed your FAFSA application.** (Note: If the court order is no longer in effect, you may not be considered independent)
 - Provide copy of the court order.

- You are/were an unaccompanied youth who is/was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless on or after July 1, 2025.**
 - You provided documentation of these circumstances to NWC during your previous academic year enrolled at NWC and therefore no additional documentation required.
 - You have not previously provided documentation of these circumstances to NWC. Provide proof of the Determination made by your high school or school district homeless liaison on/after July 1, 2025.

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 - You provided documentation of these circumstances to NWC during your previous academic year enrolled at NWC and therefore no additional documentation required.
 - You have not previously provided documentation of these circumstances to NWC. Provide proof of the determination made by the director of an emergency shelter or transitional living program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on/after July 1, 2025.

- You have other unusual circumstances, including but not limited to, leaving home due to an abusive or threatening environment, abandonment by or estrangement from your parents and have not been adopted, incarceration or your parents are incarcerated and contact with your parents would pose a risk to you, or you are otherwise unable to contact or locate your parents.**
Check this box and return this form to the Financial Aid Office for more information/additional requirements.

If you do not meet any of the listed criteria, you will need to correct your FAFSA application at studentaid.gov by adding parent financial information.