



## 2026-2027 Independent Student Status Form

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

You reported "yes" on your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to one or more of the following questions listing you as an independent student (excluding the requirement to submit parental information). An independent student is defined by federal financial aid regulations as someone who fits into one or more of eleven specific categories:

- Were born before January 1, 2003?
- Are you working on a master's, doctorate degree, or graduate certificate in the 2026-27 school year?
- Are you married as of the date you completed the FAFSA?
- Do you have children who receive more than half their support from you?
- Do you have dependents other than your spouse or children who live with you and who receive more than half their support from you?
- Did you have no living parents (biological or adoptive) when you were age 13, even if you are now adopted; or were in foster care or a ward of the court at any time when you were 13 or older (even if you are not anymore)?
- Are you an emancipated minor or are you in legal guardianship as determined by the court in your state of legal residence?
- Are you a self-supporting unaccompanied youth who is homeless or at risk of homelessness?
- Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces?
- Are you currently servicing on active duty (other than training) in the U.S. Armed Forces?

For King's College to process federal financial aid on your behalf, we must receive documentation supporting your claim. Please provide the following documents in order to continue processing your federal financial aid.

**You're an Orphan.**  
➤ Requirement: Copy of death certificates for both of your parents.

**You listed on the FAFSA that you were not born before January 1, 2003 but support child(ren) and/ or other dependents.**  
➤ Requirement: Proof of support (example: Pay Statement from employer, tax return, TANF, SNAP, WIC) of children and/ or other dependents. Copy of birth certificate(s) for all children.

**You were in Foster Care at any time since you turned the age of 13 years old.**  
➤ Requirement: Verification from your state of residence Child and Youth Services Agency or Department of Human Services.

**You are or were a county or state ward of the court.**  
➤ Requirement: Copy of the court decree.

**You are or were an emancipated minor.**  
➤ Requirement: Copy of court documentation showing the court's decision on your emancipated minor status.

**You are or were in legal guardianship.**

➤ Requirement: copy of a court's decision that you are/ were in legal guardianship.

**You are an Unaccompanied Homeless Youth.** To be considered homeless you must lack a fixed, regular, and adequate residence. This includes, sharing housing of others due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reason, living in motels, hotels, campgrounds due to lack of adequate alternative accommodations, living in an emergency or transitional shelter or abandoned in hospitals.

Note: If you have a supporting place to go but choose not to reside there, then you don't qualify as a homeless youth.

➤ Required letter of verification from:

- McKinney-Vento School District Liaison
- Director or Designee of a HUD-or RHYA-funded shelter
- Other; includes Director or Designee of a private or publicly funded homeless shelter or service provider, financial aid administrator, personnel from college access programs such as TRIO and GEAR UP, college or high school counselor, other mental health professionals, social worker, doctor, and clergy.

**You cannot provide any of the above documentation and made a mistake on the FAFSA.**

Requirement: Make correction to the FAFSA including parental information.

**All required documentation must be submitted at the time the appeal is submitted for it to be processed. Images (JPEG, GIF, PNG) of documents WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

**Certification and Signature:**

I certify that all the information reported on this worksheet is complete and correct. The student must sign this worksheet. If married, the spouse's signature is optional.

**WARNING: If you purposely give false or misleading information on this worksheet, you may be fined, be sentenced to jail, or both.**

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Student's Signature

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Date

*Do not mail this worksheet to the U.S. Department of Education.*

*Submit this worksheet to:*

**King's College  
Office of Financial Aid  
133 North River Street  
Wilkes Barre, PA 18711  
finaid@kings.edu**

**Phone: 570-208-5668 FAX: 570-208-6015**

*You should make a copy of this worksheet for your records.*