



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

You answered "yes" to one of the questions on the FAFSA used to determine your federal student aid dependency status. Check the box below that describes your situation and submit this and any supporting documentation through the MyVU Financial Aid Self-Service Portal. We cannot award you financial aid until your Independent student status has been verified. Please submit required document(s) by **June 1, 2021** so your financial aid is reflected on your student account prior to financial registration and/or payment plan deadlines.

| Independent Status Eligibility Criteria   | Required Documentation to Submit to Financial Aid Office  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> I was born before January 1, 1997  | Copy of your birth certificate or driver's license  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> As of today, I am married  | Copy of your marriage certificate   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> At the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year I will be working on a master's or doctoral degree   | Update your FAFSA to reflect the correct 'Grade Level in College'   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> At any time since you turned age 13, both of your parents were deceased  | Copy of both parents' death certificates  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> At any time since you turned age turn 13, you were in foster care, or were a dependent/ward of the court   | Copy of official court documentation  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I am currently serving on active duty in the US Armed Forces for purposes other than training  | Copy of military ID   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I am a veteran of the US Armed Forces  | Copy of your DD214 'Member 4 Copy' with the discharge status at the bottom of the document                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I have, or will have, children who receive more than half of their support from me between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022  | Dependent 50% Support Verification Form   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I have dependents, other than my children or spouse, who live with me and receive more than half their support from, now and through June 30, 2022                           | Dependent 50% Support Verification Form   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> It has been determined by a court in my legal state of residence that I am an emancipated minor, or someone other than my parent or step-parent has legal guardianship of me | Copy of the emancipation or guardianship documentation from the court confirming your status, and the effective date(s) |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> At any time on or after July 1, 2020, I was determined to be an unaccompanied youth who was homeless, or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless, as determined by (a) my high school or district homeless liaison, (b) the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, or (c) the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program | Copy of the determination documentation from the director of a runaway for homeless youth basic center or transitional living program confirming this status |

**If none of these categories apply to you**, you are a dependent student and you must provide parent information on your financial aid applications, including the FAFSA. However, if there are special circumstances in your family, such as abuse or abandonment, you may submit a Dependency Appeal to the Financial Aid Office.

By submitting this form, you agree that the information you have provided is true and accurate. Providing false information for the purposes of obtaining federal student aid is punishable by fines, jail time, or both.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***\*Electronic Signature not accepted***