



Documentation of Independent Status

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On your 2011-2012 FAFSA you marked yes to one or more of the situations listed below. These questions pertain to your dependency status used to determine your eligibility for federal financial aid. Read through the form carefully, mark the status that best describes your situation and provide the appropriate documentation.

- 1. At any time since you turned 13, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care or were you a dependent or ward of the court? Provide documentation of your parents' death (i.e. death certificate, obituary, etc.), foster care, or ward of the court status.
- 2. As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you an emancipated minor? Provide copies of the court papers documenting your emancipation.
- 3. As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you in legal guardianship? Provide documentation of your legal guardianship. (The definition of a legal guardian does not include biological parents or adoptive parents.)
- 4. At any time on or after July 1, 2010, did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless?
Have your high school or school district liaison complete box 1 on the back of this form.
- 5. At any time on or after July 1, 2010, did the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless? Have the emergency shelter or transitional housing program director complete box 2 on the back of this form.
- 6. At any time on or after July 1, 2010, did the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless? Have the runaway or homeless center or transitional living program director complete box 3 on the back of this form.
- 7. I marked this question in error on my FAFSA. I have corrected this mistake by returning to www.fafsa.gov and included parental information.
- 8. None of these apply to me and I have unusual circumstances.
Please contact the Western Oregon University Financial Aid Office.



Box 1

_____ At any time on or after July 1, 2010, your high school or school district homeless liaison determined that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless.

Name of high school (print)

Name of high school or school district homeless liaison (print)

Signature of high school or school district homeless liaison

Date

Telephone

Box 2

_____ At any time on or after July 1, 2010, the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development determined that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless.

Name of emergency shelter or transitional housing program (print)

Name of director (print)

Signature of emergency shelter or transitional housing program director

Date

Telephone

Box 3

_____ At any time on or after July 1, 2010, the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program determined that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless.

Name of runaway or homeless center or transitional living program (print)

Name of director (print)

Signature of runaway or homeless center or transitional living program director

Date

Telephone