

## 2017-2018 Proof of Independency

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

You indicated on your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for 2017-2018 that you may be an independent student based on your answers to questions 53-58.

**Check the box that applies below and submit supporting documents along with this form.**

YES	NO	QUESTION
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	53. At any time since you turned age 13, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care or were you a dependent/ward of the court? <b>ANSWER "YES" IF</b> at any time since you turned age 13: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You had no living parent (biological or adoptive), even if you are now adopted; or</li> <li>• You were in foster care, even if you are no longer in foster care today;</li> <li>• You were a dependent or ward of the court, even if you are no longer a dependent or ward of the court today.</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	54. As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you an emancipated minor? <b>ANSWER "YES" IF:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You can provide a copy of a court's decision that as of today you were an emancipated minor</li> <li>• You can provide a copy of a court's decision that as of today you were an emancipated minor immediately before you reached the age of being an adult in your state. The court must be located in your state of legal residence at the time the court's decision was issued.</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	55. As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you in legal guardianship? <b>ANSWER "YES" IF:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You can provide a copy of a court's decision that as of today you were in legal guardianship</li> <li>• You can provide a copy of a court's decision that as of today you were in legal guardianship immediately before you reached the age of being an adult in your state. The court must be located in your state of legal residence at the time the court's decision was issued.</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	56. At any time on or after July 1, 2015 did your high school or school district liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless? <b>ANSWER "YES" IF</b> you received a documentation at any time on or after July 1, 2015, that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Homeless" means lacking fixed, regular and adequate housing. You may be homeless if you are living in shelters, parks, motels or cars, or are temporarily living with other people because you have nowhere else to go. Also, if you are living in any of these situations and fleeing an abusive parent you may be considered homeless even if your parent would provide support and place to live.</li> <li>• "Unaccompanied" means you are not living in the physical custody of your parent or guardian.</li> <li>• "Youth" means you are 21 years of age or younger or you are still enrolled in high school as of the day you sign this application.</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	57. At any time on or after July 1, 2015 did the director on 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? <b>ANSWER "YES" IF</b> you received a documentation at any time on or after July 1, 2015, that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	58. At any time on or after July 1, 2015 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? <b>ANSWER "YES" IF</b> you received a documentation at any time on or after July 1, 2015, that you were at risk of being homeless.

**DOCUMENTATION OF YOUR CIRCUMSTANCE(S) MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THIS FROM TO AVOID DELAYS IN RECEIVING YOUR FINANCIAL AID.**

**I certify that the above information is correct.**

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Return signed and completed form(s) or other documents to your local campus.