



2015-2016: Verification of Legal Guardianship or Emancipated Minor Status

Your Status as an independent student for financial aid purposes was based upon your answer to questions 54 or 55 on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA instructions notify you that the financial aid administrator at your school may require proof of your status. In order to complete the financial aid process, please check the status that represents your situation and submit the required documentation. **Your aid cannot be process until documentation has been received and evaluated. If the documentation you submit is insufficient, this requirement will be marked incomplete.**

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Included below are the FAFSA notes regarding questions 54 and 55

The definition of legal guardianship does not include your parents, even if they were appointed by a court to be your guardians. You are also not considered a legal guardian of yourself.

Answer “Yes” If you can provide a copy of a court’s decision that as of today you are an emancipated minor or are in legal guardianship. Also answer “Yes” if you can provide a copy of a court’s decision that you were an emancipated minor or were in legal guardianship immediately before you reached the age of being and adult in your state. The court must be located in your state of legal residence at the time the court’s decision was issued.

Answer “No” If you are still a minor and the court decision is no longer in effect at the time you became an adult.

<u>Status</u>	<u>Required Documentation</u>
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- **Emancipated Minor** Provide a copy of a court’s decision documenting you are an emancipated minor from the state of your legal residence.
- **Legal Guardianship** Provide a copy of a court’s decision documenting you are in legal guardianship from the state of your legal residence.

This form submitted without documentation will be denied. If you have marked “yes” to either of these in error, you must correct your FAFSA and include parental information. Notify the Office of Student Financial Aid 3-5 business days after you have corrected your FAFSA to include parental information. The corrected FAFSA will not automatically clear this requirement.

Student Signature

Date