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2016-2017 Documentation of Student Dependency Status

On your **2016-2017 FAFSA**, you indicated that you are an **independent** student. Please provide the documents appropriate to your situation.

At any time at age 13 or beyond, both of your parents became deceased.

REQUIRED: Copy of death certificate(s)

At any time at age 13 or beyond, you lived in foster care.

REQUIRED: Copy of Order verifying foster care

At any time at age 13 or beyond, you became an orphan or ward of the court.

REQUIRED: Copy of Order verifying Court ward

You are now or were an emancipated minor as determined by a court in your state of legal residence.

REQUIRED: Copy of Order for Emancipation

You are now (or were at the time you turned 18) in legal guardianship as determined by a court in your state of legal residence.

REQUIRED: Copy of Letters of Guardianship

At some time on or after July 1, 2015, you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless as determined by your high school.

REQUIRED: Letter from school's Homeless Education Liaison verifying status.

At some time on or after July 1, 2015, you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless as determined by an emergency shelter or transitional housing program.

REQUIRED: Letter from emergency shelter verifying status.

At some time on or after July 1, 2015, you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless as determined by a runaway or homeless youth basic center.

REQUIRED: Letter from runaway shelter or youth center verifying status.

If none of these apply to you, parent information must be added to your 2016-17 FAFSA. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Financial Aid Office at 269-927-8112.