

Proof of Independent Status

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The federal government requires LAPU to confirm this information to complete your application for financial aid.

Emancipated Minor Documentation	Must submit copy of court judgment for legal emancipation. Required when an individual reports "yes" to the emancipation question on the FAFSA. In order to be eligible to claim emancipation, a judge must legally declare emancipation before the individual reached the age of majority in the state of residence. If the student is still a minor, the court order must still be in effect at the time you file your FAFSA.
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Homeless Documentation	If student answered "yes" to any of questions about homelessness on the FAFSA, documentation of the status is required. Submit a letter or documentation of homeless information from one of following: * A high school or school district liaison * A director of an accredited HUD homeless shelter * A director of a runaway/transitional living program or homeless youth basic shelter If you are not able to provide the above documentation, please submit an explanation regarding your homeless status.
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Orphan/Ward of Court Documentation	If this situation applies, a student must submit documentation that they are an orphan (birth certificate, along with death certificates for both biological parents) or a copy of the court judgment for ward of court decision. Required when an individual reports "yes" to the orphan/ward of court question on the FAFSA. If you are not able to provide documentation, please submit an explanation regarding the reason.
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For security purposes, all documents must be submitted to [Verify My FAFSA](#). Please do not email or fax documents directly to LAPU.