



## Proof of Independent Status

In order to verify data submitted on your FAFSA, we need you to submit documentation that is relevant to your situation. Please submit the following information as soon as possible to the Financial Aid Office to prevent delays in the processing of your federal financial aid. If you have any questions or need assistance completing this form, please contact the Financial Aid Office at (406) 874-6208 or 1-800-541-9281, extension 6208.

### 1. Proof of Marriage

- Provide a copy of marriage license.

### 2. Proof of Veteran's Status with the U.S. Armed Forces

- Provide a copy of DD214. The reason for discharge must be anything but dishonorable for us to accept the DD214.

### 3. Proof of Emancipation or Legal Guardianship

- Provide copy of court's decision that you are an emancipated minor or are in legal guardianship.

### 4. Proof of providing more than Half of the Support for Children

- Provide copy of birth certificate for each child supported.

### 5. Proof of being an Unaccompanied Youth who was Homeless after July 1, 2026

- Provide letter of determination from one or more of the following sources:
  - High School or School District Homeless Liaison
  - Director of an Emergency Shelter Program funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
  - Director of a Runaway or Homeless Youth Basic Center or Transitional Living Program

### 6. Proof of Foster Care or Dependent/Ward of the Court

- Provide documents proving you were in foster care when you were age 13 or older.
- Provide court documents proving you were a dependent/ward of the court when you were age 13 or older.

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