



Instructions: 2020-21 Documentation of Independence- Student
By Reason of Orphan, Foster Child, Emancipated Minor, or Legal Guardianship
 CONTACT: DocInd02

Student Name: _____ SSN: _____ KWU STID# _____

Instructions: You have reported on your 2020-21 FAFSA that you believe you are financially independent of your parent(s) under one or more a criterion which requires the Office of Student Financial Planning to collect additional documents or information from you to verify accuracy before we can complete the process of awarding financial aid to you.

You will not be able to receive a Financial Aid Award Letter until this issue is resolved.
THIS IS AN URGENT MATTER.

What do I have to do so I can still receive Financial Aid?		
Start by: Reviewing your FAFSA (www.fafsa.ed.gov). Look at your answers to these three questions in FAFSA step 3. If you answered "Yes" to any one of these three questions, you must follow the steps outlined below:		
	If the Criterion You Selected on your FAFSA Was:	Submit the Document Needed to Satisfy This Criterion
3	At any time since you turned age 13, were both of your parents deceased, were you in foster care, or where you a dependent or ward of the court?	If you answered "Yes" to this question, please provide a copy of your official documents from your social worker, the foster care system or court of which you were a ward of the court. Note: For this purpose, the phrase "Ward of the Court" does not include incarceration.
4	As determined by a court in your legal state of residence, are you or were you an emancipated minor?	If you answered "Yes" to this question, please provide a copy of your emancipation documents from the court in your legal state of residence.
5	As determined by a court in your legal state of residence, are you or were you in a legal guardianship?	If you answered "Yes" to this question, please provide a copy of your legal guardianship documents from the court in your legal state of residence.

I provide the required documentation listed above that I qualify as financially independent from my parents under Criterion # _____ (enter #3, #4, or #5 from above.) I affirm that the information provided hereon is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature _____ Date _____

Attach the required COURT documents listed above to this form and submit both to the KWU Office of Student Financial Planning. Note: Unofficial or non-COURT Documents will not be acceptable. If you cannot provide COURT documents, please log into FAFSA and add your parents' information and a parent's FSA ID signature. If you are unable to do so, please contact our office at 785-833-4319. There may be another way that your independent (from parents) status may be documented.