



**Instructions: 2023-24 Documentation of Independence**

CONTACT: DocInd01

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_ KWU STID# \_\_\_\_\_

Instructions: You have reported on your 2023-24 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.**

<b>Start by:</b> Reviewing your FAFSA ( <a href="http://www.studentaid.gov">www.studentaid.gov</a> ). Look at your answers to questions in FAFSA step 3. If you answered "Yes" to any one of these questions, you must submit documentation in support of this to our office.	
<b>Please indicate which criteria is true for you by initialing to the left. Then submit documentation in support of this claim.</b>	
	I do have or will have children who will receive more than half of their support from me between 07/01/2023 and 6/30/2024.
	At some time since I turned 13, both of my parents were deceased, I was in foster care, or I was a dependent or ward of the court.
	As determined by a court in my legal state of residence, I was an emancipated minor.
	As determined by a court in my legal state of residence, I was in legal guardianship.
	At some time after 7/1/2022, my high school or school district homeless liaison determined I was an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or was self-supporting and at risk of being homeless.
	At some time after 7/1/2022, the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban development determined that I was an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or was self-supporting and at risk of being homeless.
	At some time after 7/1/2022, the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program determined that I was an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or was self-supporting and at risk of being homeless.

I have provided the required documentation that I qualify as financially independent from my parents the selected criteria above. I affirm that the information provided is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Attach required court or other official documents to this form and submit all to the KWU Office of Student Financial Planning. Note: Unofficial documents will not be acceptable. If you cannot provide official documentation, please contact our office at 785-833-4315. There may be another way that your independent (from parents) status may be documented.