



Wichita State University
2009-2010 Documentation of Independent Status Form
Verification of Legal Emancipation and/or Homeless Status

We are unable to continue processing your 2009-2010 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) until documentation of your independent status is received by the WSU Office of Financial Aid. Please carefully read and complete this form. You must also provide any supporting documentation requested. Incomplete forms or missing documentation will result in a processing delay for your financial aid application. **NO FEDERAL OR STATE FINANCIAL AID WILL BE AWARDED UNTIL THIS PROCESS IS COMPLETE.**

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	myWSU ID Number
Mailing Address (include apt. number if applicable)		Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy)	
City	State	Zip Code	Telephone (include area code)

→ **Emancipated Minor and/or Legal Guardianship Verification**

1. As of today, are you a legally emancipated minor or are you in legal guardianship as determined by a court of law within your state of legal residence, or you were an emancipated minor or were in legal guardianship immediately before you reached the age of the majority in your state?
(please check one) **YES** **NO**

If you checked **YES**, please submit copies of the OFFICIAL court decision in your case. The court must be located in your state of legal residence at the time the court's decision was issued.

→ **Documented Homelessness and/or Unaccompanied Youth Verification**

- **At anytime on or after July 1, 2008 were you...** (please check those which apply):

1. ...determined to be an unaccompanied youth who was homeless by your high school or school district homeless liaison?
 YES **NO**

If you checked **YES**, please submit OFFICIAL documentation from your high school district homeless liaison that can verify this determination.

2. ...determined to be an unaccompanied youth who is homeless by a Director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development?
 YES **NO**

If you checked **YES**, please submit OFFICIAL documentation from the Director of the shelter or housing program that can verify this determination.

3. ...determined to be an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at the risk of being homeless by a Director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program?
 YES **NO**

If you checked **YES**, please submit OFFICIAL documentation from the Director of the basic center or transitional living program that can verify this determination.

Don't forget to READ and SIGN the reverse side of this form!

→ **PLEASE READ!**

Please sign this form and return it with any necessary documentation to the Office of Financial Aid.

If you submit this form and did not answer 'YES' to at least one of the previous questions, your application will be selected for dependent verification and you will receive a letter requesting that you correct Question(s) #56, #57, #58, #59, and #60 on the FAFSA and submit dependent verification documents.

If you submit this form and supporting documentation to the Office of Financial Aid and your independent status cannot be confirmed, your application will be selected for dependent verification and you will receive a letter requesting that you correct Question(s) #56, #57, #58, #59, and #60 on the FAFSA and submit dependent verification documents.

If your independent status is confirmed, the Office of Financial Aid will automatically process your application as an independent student (assuming all other eligibility requirements have been met). Final determination of your independent status rests with the Office of Financial Aid. You will be sent an award notification once all required documentation has been reviewed, verification is complete (if applicable), and your aid eligibility has been evaluated.

The WSU Office of Financial Aid reserves the right to request any and all supporting documentation we deem necessary to complete the fair and accurate evaluation of your independent status. Failure to comply with requests for additional documentation will result in a delay of the processing of your aid.

Signature and Affirmation:

Student Signature _____ Date _____

WARNING: If you receive student aid based on incorrect information, you may have to return it and/or pay fines and fees. If you purposely give false or misleading information on this form, you may be fined \$20,000, receive a prison sentence, or both.

AFFIRMATION: By signing above, I certify that all information I have submitted is accurate and verified with documentation.