



2022-23 Dependency Questions

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) asks a series of questions to determine if you can be considered an independent student (i.e. not have to submit parental information). EFSC requires documentation to confirm the status you indicated on the FAFSA.

Priority Deadlines*: Fall 2022 – 07/21/22 | Spring 2023 – 11/28/22 | Summer 2023 – 04/20/23

A. Student Information

_____			B# _____
Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Student ID

B. Dependency Status

Please select the appropriate status and provide the documentation listed. Required documentation must be provided before your situation can be considered for independent status.

- I was adopted *before* the age of 13.**
 - Students who are adopted *before* the age of 13 do not qualify for Independent Status based on adoption.
 - You must include your adoptive parent’s information on the FAFSA unless other extenuating circumstances exist. Please speak with a Financial Aid Specialist if you have any questions.
- I was adopted *after* the age of 13.**
 - Attach documentation confirming the date of your adoption.
- I was a foster child or ward of the court at any time since the age of 13.**
 - Attach a copy of the official court document showing the court decision occurred after the age of 13 **OR**
 - Attach your Tuition and Fee Exemption Form from the Florida Department of Children and Families.
- I was in a legal guardianship when I reached the age of majority in my state.**
 - Attach a copy of your permanent legal guardianship court document.
- I was an orphan at any time since the age of 13.**
 - Attach a copy of the death certificates for both parents.
- I was an emancipated minor when I reached the age of majority in my state.**
 - Attach a copy of your emancipation as determined by a court of law.
- I was determined to be an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless at any time since July 1, 2021. Check one box below.**
 - Attached is a letter from a School District Liaison dated after July 1, 2021.
 - Attached is a letter from the director (or designee) of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development dated after July 1, 2021.
 - Attached is a letter from the director (or designee) of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program dated after July 1, 2021.
- I was deemed homeless in a prior year for financial aid purposes.**
 - Attached is a typed, signed letter explaining my current housing situation and how am I handling my living expenses.
- None of the descriptions above apply to me.**
 - Speak with a Financial Aid Specialist about your specific situation to determine next steps.

* This form must be submitted by the priority deadline to ensure a determination of eligibility before the Fee Due Date. Students may still apply for aid after the priority deadlines, but EFSC cannot guarantee that late submissions will be notified of aid eligibility prior to the Fee Due Date.

C. Certification and Signature

By signing below I certify that all of the information reported is complete and correct.

WARNING: If you purposely give false or misleading information, you may be fined, sent to prison, or both.

Student's Signature

Can be signed electronically if submitted via Financial Aid Document Upload Tool in myEFSC.

Date

D. Document Submission

You may submit this document by the following methods:

1. FINANCIAL AID DOCUMENT UPLOAD TOOL (RECOMMENDED)

Complete and sign this document, scan, and upload using the **Financial Aid Document Upload Tool** in **myEFSC** under *Financial Aid Forms & Upload*.

2. BY MAIL

Mail your document to the Financial Aid Office at:

Eastern Florida State College
Financial Aid Office
Building 2, Room 209
1519 Clearlake Road
Cocoa, FL 32922

3. IN-PERSON

Please visit easternflorida.edu/go/aidcontacts for current hours and availability.

QUESTIONS?

Financial Aid Specialists are available by phone at 321-433-7339 and via e-mail at finaid@easternflorida.edu.

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