

2023-24 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 who does not need to submit parental information. EFSC requires documentation to confirm the status you indicated on the FAFSA.

Priority Deadlines*: Fall 2023 – 07/20/23 | Spring 2024 – 11/27/23 | Summer 2024 – 04/28/24

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 an orphan at any time since the age of 13.**
 - Attach a copy of the death certificates for both parents.
- I was a foster child at any time since the age of 13.**
 - Attach a copy of the official court order *OR* official state documentation that you received federal or state support in foster care.
- I was a ward/dependent 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.
- 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 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 determined to be an unaccompanied homeless youth or unaccompanied, at risk or homelessness, and self-supporting at any time since July 1, 2022. Check one box below.**
 - Attached is a letter from a School District Liaison dated after July 1, 2022.
 - 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, 2022.
 - 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, 2022.
- I was deemed homeless in a prior year for financial aid purposes.**
- None of the descriptions above apply to me.**
 - A Financial Aid Specialist will contact you about your specific situation to determine next steps.

C. Certification and Signature

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

 Student's Signature

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

 Date

* 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.

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 Office of Financial Aid 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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