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# /2022-2023 INDEPENDENT STATUS CONFIRMATION

Name: _____     Southeast ID #: _____

The information requested on this form is needed to process your application for financial aid for the 2022-2023 academic year. On the 2022-2023 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), you indicated that you meet one or more of the descriptions below. You have been selected to confirm this information by completing this form and providing documentation for at least one of the items below to verify your Independent Status for the 2022-2023 academic year.

| Reason for Independent Status | Documentation Required |
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| ☐ **Active Duty in the U.S. Armed Forces** | Submit a copy of your active duty orders, indicating active duty service in the U.S. Armed Forces. *(For financial aid, National Guard Active Duty requires being called to active duty by the President; completing training alone does not qualify.)* |
| ☐ **Veteran** | Submit a copy of your DD214 form indicating release under a condition other than dishonorable. *(For financial aid, National Guard Veterans must have been on active duty for purposes other than training.)* |
| ☐ **Legal Dependent(s), which you provide majority support** | Submit a copy of your child's birth certificate, legal guardianship documentation, or documentation from your physician (if you are currently expecting). |
| ____ Yes  ____ No | Do you currently provide more than 50% of the support for your child(ren) or legal dependent, and will continue to provide more than 50% of the support through June 30, 2023? |
| ☐ **Orphan, Ward of the Court, or Foster Care** | Submit one of the following:<br>  - A copy of each of your parent's death certificates and a copy of your birth certificate (or adoption paperwork if you had no living parent (biological or adoptive) at any time since you turned age 13, even if you are adopted; or<br>  - A copy of legal documentation indicating you were a dependent or ward of the court at any time since you turned age 13, even if you are no longer one today; or<br>  - A copy of documentation of foster care status if you were in foster care at any time since you turned age 13, even if you are no longer in foster care today |
| ☐ **Emancipated Minor** | Submit a copy of an approved petition for emancipation, court orders, or other similar legal papers documenting emancipation as a minor. The documentation must confirm the student was emancipated prior to age 18. *(NOTE: Emancipation due to a parent's divorce or child support termination does not meet this requirement)* |
| ☐ **Legal Guardianship** | Submit documentation that you were in a legal guardianship before the age of 18 with someone other than your parent or stepparent. This could include a copy of the approved petition for guardianship, court order, or other similar legal papers. |
| ☐ **Homeless or Unaccompanied Youth** | If you are a homeless student or are self-supporting and at risk of being homeless at any time on or after July 1, 2021, submit a statement on letterhead providing confirmation of the students living situation and status from one of the following individuals listed below:<br><br>  - A McKinney-Vento School District Homeless Liaison at your High School<br>  - A director or designee of a HUD-funded shelter<br>  - A director of designee of a RHYA-funded shelter<br>    *List district or shelter name:* _____ |
| ☐ **None of the Above** | Since you are unable to document your independent status based on the above categories, you are considered dependent for financial aid purposes. Please login to your FAFSA at www.fafsa.gov and answer "No" to questions 46-58. You must also provide parental income and asset information as well as a parent signature. *(Your parent can sign electronically using his/her own FSA ID.)* |

**CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE:**

By signing this worksheet I certify that all information is complete and correct, to the best of my knowledge.


Student's Signature: _____     Date: _____