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Office of Financial Aid 2021-2022 Confirmation of Dependency Status

PURPOSE

You indicated on the FAFSA that you may not be required to provide parental information. This form will be used to confirm whether you are a dependent or independent student for FAFSA purposes.

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer the questions below and provide the appropriate documentation, where indicated, according to your circumstances. For questions 1 through 7 your new documentation will be verified, retained as part of your financial aid file, and will not be requested again in subsequent years. Your dependency status must be verified before your financial aid can be finalized.

A. Student Information

Name:	Eastern ID:
Address:	
Telephone Number:	
Email Address:	

B. Confirm Dependency: Please respond to the following questions:

1. Were you born before January 1, 1998?

- ☐ **Yes.** If you checked this box, you do not need to answer additional questions. Sign this form and submit it to the Financial Aid Office at the address shown on the bottom of page 2.
- ☐ **No.** If you checked this box, continue to question 2.

2. At any time since you turned age 13 were both your parents deceased? Answer yes, for biological or adoptive parents, even if you are now adopted.

- ☐ **Yes.** If you checked this box, you are required to provide copies of death certificates for each parent. Attach copies of the death certificates to this form and submit to the Financial Aid Office at the address shown on the bottom of page 2.
- ☐ **No.** If you checked this box, continue to question 3.

3. At any time since you turned age 13, were you in foster care? Answer yes even if you are no longer in foster care as of today.

- ☐ **Yes.** If you checked this box, you are required to provide a copy of all court documentation pertaining to your case OR a letter from the social services agency or case worker familiar with the circumstances that led to your being placed in foster care. Attach copies of your documentation and submit to the Financial Aid Office at the address shown on the bottom of page 2.
- ☐ **No.** If you checked this box, continue to question 4.

4. At any time since you turned age 13, were you declared a dependent or ward of the court? Answer yes even if you are no longer a dependent or ward of the court as of today.

- ☐ **Yes.** If you checked this box, you are required to provide a copy of all court documentation pertaining to your case OR a letter from the social services agency or case worker familiar with the circumstances that lead to your being placed in the custody of the court. For federal student aid purposes, a ward of the court is *not* someone who is incarcerated. Attach copies of your documentation to this form and submit to the Financial Aid Office at the address shown on page 2.
- ☐ **No.** If you checked this box, continue to question 5.



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5. Are you or were you an emancipated minor as determined by the court in your state of legal residence? Answer no if you are still a minor and the court order is no longer in effect or the court's decision was not in effect at the time you became an adult.

- ☐ **Yes.** If you checked this box, you are required to provide a copy of a court's decision that as of today you are an emancipated minor or were in legal guardianship immediately before you reached the age of being an adult in your state. The court must be located in your state of legal residence. Attach copies of your documentation to this form and submit to the Financial Aid office at the address shown on the bottom of page 2.
- ☐ **No.** If you checked this box, continue to question 6.

6. Are you or were you in legal guardianship as determined by a court in your state of legal residence? Answer no if the court order is no longer in effect or was not in effect at the time you became an adult.

- ☐ **Yes.** If you checked this box, you are required to provide a copy of a court's decision that as of today you are in legal guardianship or were immediately before you reached the age of being an adult in your state. The court must be located in your state of legal residence at the time the court's decision was issued. Attach copies of your documentation to this form and submit to the Financial Aid Office at the address shown on the bottom of page 2.
- ☐ **No.** You must check No if you are still a minor and the court decision was no longer in effect at the time you became an adult. If you checked this box, continue to question 7.

7. At any time on or after July 1, 2019, did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless; OR did the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless; OR did the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?

"Homeless" means lacking fixed, regular and adequate housing, which includes living in shelters, motels or cars, or temporarily living with other people because you had nowhere else to go.

"Unaccompanied" means you are not living in the physical custody of your parent or guardian.

"Youth" means you are 21 years of age or younger or you are still enrolled in high school as of the day you sign this application.

- ☐ **Yes.** Provide documentation to support your status as being homeless, at risk of being homeless, or an unaccompanied youth. If you believe you are homeless, at risk of being homeless, an unaccompanied youth but do not have a determination, contact the Financial Aid Office for assistance.
- ☐ **No.** If you are not homeless, at risk of being homeless, or an unaccompanied youth, continue to question 8.

8. If you answered "No" to questions 1 through 7, do you still feel you have extenuating circumstances that prevent you from providing parental information on the FAFSA?

- ☐ **Yes.** If you checked this box, complete the 2021- 2022 Dependency Override Appeal Form and submit it, with this form, to the Financial Aid Office. This application is available on line at www.easternct.edu/finaid.
- ☐ **No.** If you checked this box, you are required to report parental information on the FAFSA. You may do so at www.fafsa.ed.gov . You will need to provide a parent PIN as the parent signature. If your parent does not have a PIN, one may be requested at www.PIN.ed.gov .

STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION:

I certify that the information provided to document my status is true and complete.

Student Signature

Date