2016-2017 Documentation of Independent Student Status

Student’s Name__________________________________________ SLU Banner ID Number______________________________

Information requested on this form is needed to process your financial aid for the 2016-2017 academic year.

On the 2016-17 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), you indicated you meet one or more of the descriptions below. You have been selected to verify this information by providing documentation for at least one of the items below to confirm your independent Status for the 2016-2017 academic year.

☐ DEPENDENT CHILDREN: Submit a copy of your child’s birth certificate and the Student Financial Statement, indicating that you provide more than one-half of the support for your child(ren) from now through June 30, 2017.

☐ LEGAL DEPENDENTS (OTHER THAN A SPOUSE): Submit the Student Financial Statement, indicating that you provide more than one-half of the support for your dependent(s), other than your child(ren)/spouse, from now and through June 30, 2017.

☐ ORPHAN, WARD OF THE COURT, OR FOSTER CARE:
  • Submit a copy of each of your parents’ 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 aged 13, even if you are now adopted; or
  • Submit 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 a dependent or ward of the court today; or
  • Submit 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 the requirement as emancipated minor.

☐ LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP: Submit documentation of legal guardianship immediately before the age of 18. This could include a copy of the approved petition for guardianship, court order, or other similar legal papers.

NOTE: This does not include guardianship to a biological parent resulting from a divorce or separation agreement.

☐ HOMELESS OR UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH: Submit supporting documentation (from a recognized third party such as homeless shelter, school district, Trio or Gear Up) of being an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless at any time on or after July 1, 2015.

NOTE: If you are unable to document your independent status based on the above categories, then 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 PIN). If you face extenuating circumstances preventing you from obtaining parental information for the FAFSA, please contact your Financial Aid Counselor.

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