



Student Dependency Status Confirmation 2011-2012

Student Name _____ (print)

Social Security # _____

Financial Aid regulations make an assumption that the family has primary responsibility for meeting the educational costs of students, therefore most students are considered dependent on their parents.

None of the following situations qualify for Independent Status:

- Parents refuse to contribute to a student's education
- Parents are not willing to provide information for the FAFSA and Verification
- Parents do not claim the student as an exemption for income tax purposes
- Student demonstrates total self-sufficiency

You may be considered Independent if you meet one of the following:

- You have children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012 (Provide 2010 tax returns and a letter explaining living arrangements, earnings, and support information)
- You have dependents (other than your children or spouse) that live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you now and through June 30, 2012 (Provide 2010 tax returns and a letter explaining living arrangements, earnings, and support information)
- Both parents are deceased or you were in foster care or a ward of the court at any time since your turned 13 (Provide death certificates or court documentation)
- You are or were an emancipated minor as determined by a court in your state of legal residence. (Please note that New York State does not grant emancipation status to minors)
- You are or were in legal guardianship as determined by a court (Provide court documentation)
- You were determined to be an unaccompanied youth who was homeless by your high school homeless liaison (Provide written and signed documentation from the school liaison on School District Letterhead)
- You were determined to be an unaccompanied youth who was homeless by the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (Provide written and signed documentation from the shelter or agency on Organizational Letterhead)
- You were determined to be an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless by a director of a runaway or

homeless youth basic center or transitional living program (Provide written and signed documentation from the agency on Organizational Letterhead)

Other (Provide written documentation)

If you have concluded that your situation does not meet the stated criteria, you need to update your FAFSA online, with your parent's information, signature, and change your answer to the Independency question to NO.

If you need assistance with this process, contact the Financial Aid Office:
(518) 736-5301 - email: finaid.mail@fmcc.suny.edu

The decision of the Financial Aid Office is final and cannot be appealed to the U.S. Department of Education.

Transfer students who were approved at another college must provide documentation to the Financial Aid Office at FM

Please attach documentation and return this form in person to Room A105, FAX to (518) 762-2882 or mail to Financial Aid, 2805 State Highway 67, Johnstown, NY 12095

Student Signature _____ **Date** _____

Student Local Phone # _____

(Financial Aid use only)

Financial Aid Determination

FA Signature _____ Date _____