

Student Financial Aid and Scholarships (SFA)**Confirmation of Dependency Status
2020-2021**

You indicated on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) that you may not be required to provide parental information. Your dependency status must be verified before your financial aid can be finalized. Check the box(es) below, sign this form and provide the appropriate documentation to SFA, where indicated, according to your circumstances.

Last Name First Name M.I. BGSU ID Number

Address (include apt. no.) City State Zip Code Phone Number

Condition		Instructions
<input type="checkbox"/>	Orphan - Both biological or adoptive parents are deceased since you turned 13	Attach copies of death certificate for each parent, as well as your birth certificate or adoption certificate
<input type="checkbox"/>	Foster Child or Ward of the Court - At any time since you turned 13	Attach a copy of court documentation pertaining to your case OR a letter from the social services agency or case worker familiar with the circumstances regarding your situation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Emancipated Minor - Are you or were you an emancipated minor, as determined by a court in your state of residence	Attach a copy of a court's decision that as of today you were an emancipated minor. The court order must have been in effect at the time that you filed your FAFSA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Legal Guardianship (NOT CUSTODY) - Does someone other than your parents or step parents, have legal guardianship of you as determined by the courts	Attach a copy of a court's decision that as of today you are in legal guardianship (NOT CUSTODY) 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
<input type="checkbox"/>	Have child(ren) or dependent(s) - Do you now, have or will have children/dependent(s) who will receive more than half of their financial support from you between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021	Attach a copy of the child(ren)'s birth certificate(s) AND documentation to verify that you provide more than 50% of support for your child(ren)/dependent(s). Examples: insurance card for child(ren) in your name, most recent tax return (signed), copy of lease
<input type="checkbox"/>	Homeless - At any time on or after July 1, 2019, did your high school or school district liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless	Attach documentation from a high school liaison or homeless shelter agency to support your status of being homeless, at risk of being homeless, or an unaccompanied youth. <i>If you believe you are homeless, at risk of being homeless, or an unaccompanied youth but do not have a documentation contact SFA for assistance</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	I answered the FAFSA questions incorrectly and none of these conditions apply to me. I am a dependent student	Please review back page for details on next steps Note: If none of the above conditions apply to your situation, please review your next steps on page 2

If you checked the last box, please review page 2 for your next steps and indicate which process you will follow so we can update your account.

Please sign the bottom of page 2

If the conditions listed on the front do not apply to your situation and you completed the FAFSA incorrectly, please follow the next steps to update your FAFSA as dependent:

- Step 1: Log into your 2020-2021 FAFSA by visiting www.fafsa.gov
- Step 2: Select "Make a Correction" link listed under You May Also:
- Step 3: Hit Next button at the bottom until you reach the Dependency Status Section also labeled Dependency Determination. You will then change the question you answered "yes" to "no"
- Step 4: You will then be asked to provide parental information
- Step 5: Student and Parent sign FAFSA
- Step 6: Resubmit

Note: We will receive the updated FAFSA 3-5 business days later and update your To-Do list as needed. Please contact our office if you have any questions or need assistance.

If you have other circumstances that prevent you from including you from including parent information on your FAFSA, please refer to our Dependency Appeal Process (DAP) below:

Dependency Appeal Process (DAP)

Students classified as dependent, may petition to be reclassified as independent based upon documented adverse family circumstances. If you do not meet the independent criteria as defined on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), it may be appropriate for you to file a Dependency Appeal (DAP).

Note: Legal Custody Conditions would need to complete a DAP.

- Step 1: Complete and submit a 2020-2021 Dependency Appeal Form found on our website at www.bgsu.edu/sfa >Forms > Appeal Documents
- Step 2: Write and sign a statement regarding your circumstances with your biological and/or legally adoptive parents
- Step 3: Provide supporting documentation that relates to your situation such as police reports, court reports, or documentation from a social agency
- Step 4: Submit two separate signed letters, on official letterhead, from a pastor, social worker, psychologist, high school guidance counselor, teacher, doctor, or another counseling professional explaining in detail their knowledge of your adverse family circumstances. These third party professional letters should include the length of time they have known you and their contact information

Note: Once all documentation has been submitted the review process takes 5-7 business days. Please contact our office to make sure all documents have been submitted.

STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATION: (review back page for submitting instructions)

I certify that the information provided to document my status is true and accurate. **No electronic signatures.**

Student Signature

Date

****Submit this signed form and all supporting documentation to SFA:**

Upload and submit online: <http://sfa.bgsu.edu/upload>

Fax: 419-372-0404

If you chose the fax option, processing may be delayed as staff are working remotely.

Ask your question online using our secure web portal at:
<http://sfa.bgsu.edu/asksfa> * **Phone:** 419-372-2651

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Review completed by: _____

Date: _____

Independent Dependent

DAP referral

Additional Action Required: _____
