



**Independent Validation
2025-2026**

We are in receipt of your application for Federal Student Aid. Our records indicate that you are under the age of 24 and you applied as an independent student. We will need to document your independent status. Please review/check (see below) the option that applies to you and **attach** the required documentation to verify your status and submit both to our office.

- ☐ I was born before January 1, 2001
- ☐ I am currently serving on active duty for purposes other than active-duty training, or I am a Veteran of the U. S. Armed forces **(Form DD214)**
- ☐ Since I turned age 13, both of my parents were deceased **(Guardian Statement & parent's Death Certificate)**
- ☐ I was a dependent or ward of the court since turning age 13 **(Legal Court Papers)**
- ☐ I am married **(Marriage License)**
- ☐ I was in foster care since turning age 13 **(Third Party statements to prove status)**
- ☐ I am currently or I was an emancipated minor **(Legal papers to support status)**
- ☐ I will be working on a master's needed butte program (e.g., MA, MBA, MD, JD, PHD, EdD, graduate certificate) **(No Documentation needed, but must be admitted to grad or Doctoral program before we can process.)**
- ☐ I have child(ren) and I provide more than half of their support. **(Birth Certificate(s) & Statement explaining how you are providing support and copy of prior year income tax form)**
- ☐ I have dependents (other than children or my spouse) that live with me, and I provide more than half of their support. **(Proof of other dependents & Statement explaining how you are providing support and a copy of prior year income tax form)**
- ☐ I am currently, or I was in legal guardianship **(A copy of the legal guardianship papers)**
- ☐ I am homeless or I am at risk of being homeless **(Statement explaining situation)**

Student Name: _____

Student ID # _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____