University of the Incarnate Word
Office of Financial Assistance
2026-2027 Student Dependency Status Form

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Name _____ UIW ID _____

Your independent status is based on your answer to the student circumstances questions on the FAFSA. You are required to submit legal documentation verifying your status before your aid can be disbursed. **NOTE**: If none of the situations below apply to you because you answered the question *incorrectly* on the FAFSA, you must correct your FAFSA at studentaid.gov and add parent contributor(s). If you have unusual circumstances which prevent you from providing parent information on the FAFSA, please complete the **Request for Independent Status** form.

Step 1:
Check the appropriate box for your situation and submit the required documentation needed to review your request. Incomplete applications cannot be processed.

- ❑ **Military**: Currently Active Duty in the U.S. Armed Forces.
  - Attach documentation from the Defense Finance and Accounting Services (DFAS) or any documentation that indicates you are currently serving and have an "Active Duty" status with the U.S. Armed Forces, such as a military duty statement or a copy of your most current orders.

- ❑ **Military**: Veteran of the U.S Armed Forces.
  - Provide a copy of your DD-214.

- ❑ **Orphan**: At any time since age 13, both parents were deceased.
  - Copy of both parents' death certificates and your birth certificate.

- ❑ **Foster Care**: At any time since age 13, you were in foster care.
  - Copy of official documentation from the court confirming your status in foster care.

- ❑ **Ward of the Court**: At any time since age 13, you were a ward of the court.
  - Copy of official documentation from the court confirming your status as a ward of the court.

- ❑ **Emancipated Minor**: You are or were an emancipated minor prior to the age of 18
  - Attach a copy of a court's decision that you are or were an emancipated minor. Only official court documentation will be accepted.

- ❑ **Legal Guardianship**: You are/were in legal guardianship.
  - Attach an official copy of a court's decision that you are or were in legal guardianship.

Step 2: Student Certification

By signing below, I certify that all the information and documentation on this form is true, complete, and accurate. I understand that providing any false statement or misrepresentation will be cause for denial or repayment of financial aid.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Please note: All signatures must be handwritten and in black ink only. Electronic/typed signatures and signatures made with an electronic pen will not be accepted. Please allow 3-5 business days for review.