



2020-2021 Dependency Questions

_____ Last Name	_____ First Name	_____ Lakewood ID Number
_____ Email Address	(_____) _____ Phone Number (home)	(_____) _____ Phone Number (cell)

Please complete this form, attach the appropriate documentation and return it to the Financial Aid Office to confirm you meet the requirements to be an Independent student.

	Criteria		Documentation
1	Were both of your parents deceased when you were age 13 or older, even if you are adopted now?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, attach a copy of each parent(s) death certificate, and a copy of the student's birth certificate or adoption record.
2	Were you in foster care when you were age 13 or older, even if you are no longer in foster care as of today?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, attach a copy of the court document indicating you were in foster care.
3	Were you a dependent/ward of the court when you were age 13 or older, even if you are no longer a dependent/ward of the court as of today? For Financial Aid purposes, someone who is incarcerated is not considered a ward of the court.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, attach a copy of the court document indicating this or a letter from Social Services stating that you were a ward of the court until your 18th birthday.
4	Are you an emancipated minor or in legal guardianship as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, please provide court documentation.
5	At any time on or after July 1, 2019, were you an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If yes, please provide documentation from a homeless liaison, HUD emergency shelter, runaway or homeless center, or transitional living program.
6	Were you adopted prior to age 13?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If you answered yes to question 6 and no to questions 1-5, you will need to complete your FAFSA as a dependent student using parents' or adoptive parents' information.

If you cannot provide the required documentation, do not submit this form. Please contact financial aid for assistance.

Certification and Signature

I certify that all information is complete and correct.

 *Student's Signature

 Date

Note: This form must be signed with a physical signature. Typed names or electronic signatures are not acceptable and will delay processing