

2025-2026 Verification of Independent Status

Your 2025-2026 FAFSA indicated that you are an independent student based on your response to at least one of the criteria listed below. Please check the appropriate box that applies to you and submit the required documentation. For more information regarding dependency status, visit <https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out/dependency>

SECTION A: STUDENT INFORMATION

STUDENT NAME: _____ CHC ID #: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

SECTION B: Read each response carefully and select only one (1) of the choices below. You **must** submit all required documentation with this worksheet. Otherwise, your verification review and aid processing will be delayed.

Independent Status	Required documentation to be submitted
<input type="checkbox"/> You are an emancipated minor as determined by a court in your state of legal residence.	Submit a copy of a court's decision that, as of today (or immediately before you reached the age of being an adult in your state), you met that definition of being an emancipated minor. The court must be in your state of legal residency and still be in effect as of when you became an adult.
<input type="checkbox"/> Your biological parents are deceased since you turned 13.	Submit a copy of both of your biological parent's death certificates Submit a copy of the student's birth certificate Submit a copy of obituaries
<input type="checkbox"/> You are a ward of the court or were in foster care since you turned 13.	Submit court documentation verifying your ward of court or foster care status.
<input type="checkbox"/> You are a veteran of the US Armed Forces	Submit a copy of your DD214.
<input type="checkbox"/> You are currently serving on active duty in the US armed forces for purposes other than training	Submit documentation or a letter from your commanding officer verifying status
<input type="checkbox"/> You are or were in legal guardianship as determined by a court in your state of legal residence. Custody is not the same as legal guardianship.	Submit a copy of a court's decision that you met the definition or are in legal guardianship. The court must be in your state of legal residency and still be in effect as of when you became an adult.
<input type="checkbox"/> You are married	Submit a copy of your marriage certificate
<input type="checkbox"/> You have or will have children, or other dependents (other than your spouse), who will receive more than 50% of their support from you from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026.	Submit a copy of the child(s) birth certificate(s) Submit a signed copy of your 2023 Tax Return (1040, 1040A, 1040EZ) Submit other supporting documentation to confirm financial support.
<input type="checkbox"/> On or after July 1, 2024, you are an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or an unaccompanied, self-supporting youth at risk of being homeless.	Submit a letter, on official letterhead, from a High School district homeless liaison, a Director of a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development funded homeless shelter, a Director of a Runaway or Homeless Youth Basic Center, or Director of a Transitional Living Center confirming this status
<input type="checkbox"/> I answered the FAFSA incorrectly and none of these conditions apply to me	Submit a correction to your 2025-2026 FAFSA by changing your answer(s) to "NO" and include your parents' information and signature

SECTION E: CERTIFICATIONS AND SIGNATURES (Required)

Please Read Carefully: By signing this form, I affirm that all information on this form and any attachments are complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. If requested, I agree to provide documentation to support the information I have provided on this form. I understand that if I purposely give false or misleading information on this worksheet it may be cause for denial, reduction, withdrawal, and/or repayment of financial aid, and I may be subject to a fine, imprisonment, or both, under provisions of the United State Criminal Code and disciplinary actions by Chestnut Hill College. If I have any questions or concerns, I will contact Chestnut Hill College (CHC) Financial Aid Office immediately. **Your documentation must contain an original signature. We cannot accept forms containing e-signatures, typed signatures, or e-pen.**

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please submit via myCHC document upload or deliver to the Financial Aid Office. Do not email.

