

2021-22 INDEPENDENT STATUS REQUEST

Student Name: _____ ESU ID # _____

Student ESU E-mail: _____

Student Phone: _____

In order to determine your dependency status and process any federal financial aid on your behalf, we must verify your independent status. Please complete the questions below and attach any required documentation.

All requests must be submitted with third party documentation and a signed statement explaining your situation.

<u>Reasons for Request</u>	<u>Circle One</u>	
At any time since you turned age 13, were both of your parents deceased, were you in foster care, or were you a dependent or ward of the court? <u>If yes, please provide death certificates or legal documentation.</u>	Yes	No
Do you now have children or other legal dependents (other than a spouse) who live with you, and will receive more than half of their support between now and June 30, 2022? <u>If yes, please provide birth certificate and documentation showing how you support a dependent (tax return, pay stub, etc.)</u> (If you are living with a parent and you parent is providing more than 50% support for you and your child(ren), then you are not providing 50% support for a dependent and would not be an independent student.	Yes	No
Are you an emancipated minor as determined by a court in your state of legal residence? <u>If yes, please provide legal documentation</u>	Yes	No
Are you, or were you, in a legal guardianship as determined by a court in your state of legal residence? <u>If yes, please provide legal documentation.</u> <u>If guardianship was granted prior to turning 13, please provide a signed statement, along with legal documentation of guardianship, stating your current guardianship status and relationship with biological parent(s), if applicable.</u>	Yes	No
At any time, on or after July 1, 2020, (a) did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless, or were self-supporting, and at risk of being homeless, or (b) did the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting, and at risk of being homeless, or (c) did the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless? <u>If yes, please provide letter from the school district, emergency shelter or transitional housing/living program.</u>	Yes	No
There are extenuating circumstances <u>beyond self-sufficiency and parental refusal to disclose tax information</u> of which I have included a personal statement describing the situation and documentation to support.	Yes	No

 Student Signature

 Date