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 Montclair State University
 Attn: Financial Aid Office
 1 Normal Avenue
 Montclair, New Jersey 07043

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 Status _____

Verification of Independent Status under the age of 24 – 2021-22

On your 2021-22 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), you answered “Yes” to one of the questions related to dependency status (Question #53, 54, 55, 56, 57 or 58). This suggests that you may be an Independent student for financial aid purposes. Before the Office of Financial Aid can finalize your eligibility for federal aid, you must document your status in accordance with federal regulations.

 Student Name (Please print) ID#

Instructions: Please check the box below which best describes your situation in either Section 1 or Section 2.

Section 1:

- I made an error on my FAFSA.**
 - I am under the age of 24 and live with my parent(s).
 - I am still a minor and the court decision is no longer in effect.
 - The court decision was not in effect at the time I became an adult.

Requirement: Correct the information on your FAFSA:

- (a) Change the answer for Question 53 -58 to ‘NO’
- (b) Provide your parent(s) financial information on your FAFSA application, and
- (c) You and one parent must sign and submit your FAFSA electronically with your FSA ID.

You will receive a corrected SAR from the federal processor and the corrected information will be transmitted electronically to the Office of Student Financial Aid at Montclair.

 Student Signature Date Date the FAFSA was corrected

Section 2:

For any of the choices below, *refer to page 2 to determine the required documentation* that must be submitted to support your case.

- # 52 – Since turning 13, my parents are deceased, I am or was in foster care or I am or was a ward of the court:**
- # 53 – I am or was an emancipated minor before reaching the age of adulthood in my state.**
 The State of New Jersey does not recognize the status of Emancipated Minor. If you are an Emancipated Minor due to extenuating family circumstances, please contact the Office of Student Financial Aid for additional assistance.
- # 54 –I am currently a minor in a legal guardianship or was in a legal guardianship before becoming an adult. Natural or adoptive parents are NOT legal guardians.**
- # 55 -57 – At any time on or after 7/1/20, I was determined to be an unaccompanied youth who is homeless or in danger of being homeless.**

All of the information provided on this form and on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that underestimating projected income may result in reduced aid eligibility, repayment of aid, or both in this year or in the next award year. I also understand that if I purposely give false or misleading information on this form, or on the FAFSA, that I may be subject to a \$20,000 fine, a prison sentence, or both.

 Student Signature Date

Required Documentation:

For FAFSA question #52, submit the following:

- Death certificate for parent(s).
 - If only one parent is deceased, provide a written statement indicating the whereabouts of the other parent
- Documentation of foster care arrangement (letter from agency)
- Court documents or agency letter showing you are/were a ward of the court

For FAFSA question #53:

The State of New Jersey does not recognize the status of Emancipated Minor. If you are an Emancipated Minor due to extenuating family circumstances, please contact the Office of Student Financial Aid for additional assistance at fadepstatus@mail.montclair.edu.

For FAFSA question #54, submit the following:

- Attach a copy of the Letter(s) of Guardianship from the court that was located in your state of legal residence at the time the court's decision was issued.

For FAFSA question #55 - 57, submit the following:

- Documentation from one of the following:
 - School district homeless liaison
 - Director of emergency shelter or transitional housing program
 - Director of a runaway or homeless youth center or transitional living program
 - A third party (non-friend or family member) that is familiar with your circumstances
This should be a statement from a private or public agency, teacher, mentor or other community service provider.