



Independent Due to Dependent

We have received your 2026-2027 FAFSA. Because you indicated that you are Independent due to having a dependent there is additional information needed for us to establish your dependency status and potential award package.

Student Name

Buff ID Number

A. (REQUIRED) Check which selection applies to your current situation:

_____ Independent Due to Child (CHI) or _____ Independent Due to Other Dependent (ODEP)

B. (REQUIRED) Submit at least four (4) of the following:

- Copy of your child's **official** birth certificate. **(REQUIRED FOR INDEPENDENT DUE TO CHILD)**
- Proof of any WIC, HUD, SNAP or any other government assistance received.
- Proof of child support received from the Office of the Attorney General.
- Copy of your 2024 tax return and your 2025 W-2's. **(REQUIRED FOR BOTH)**
- Copy of documentation establishing guardianship over your dependent.
- Copy of **current** lease agreement listing your name and includes the child/dependent as an occupant.
- Copy of **current** paystubs.

C. (REQUIRED) Explanation of Situation

Explain your situation. Include as much detail as possible about how you and your household covered housing, utilities, and other living expenses for calendar year 2025. If you used savings, line of credit, etc. to meet your expenses include amounts in account at year end. If you are unable to provide all documentation, please include why in your explanation.

D. Certification Signatures

I certify that all information reported is complete and accurate. I understand that any false statement or misrepresentation may be cause for reduction and/or repayment of federal, state or institutional financial aid.

ACTUAL SIGNATURES ARE REQUIRED. (Typed names will not be accepted.)

Student's Signature: _____

Date: _____

***Monitor your student email for updates or further requests.