



Independent Due to Dependent

We have received your 2025-2026 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      or      \_\_\_\_\_ Independent Due to Other Dependent

**B. (REQUIRED) Submit any of the following documentation**

- 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 2023 tax return and your 2024 W-2's.
- Copy of your child's **official** birth certificate.
- 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 2024. 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.***

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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