

Independent Because (Proof of Dependents) (2025–26)

Warning: According to the U.S. Department of Education, if you purposely give false or misleading information, you may be subject to a fine of up to \$20,000, imprisonment for up to five years, or both.

Student Information (Please Print)

Last Name: First Name:

Middle Initial:

Student ID Number:

Street Address (Include Apartment Number):

Student Email Address:

City: State: Zip Code:

Phone Number (Include Area Code)

This form is used to gather information to determine whether an otherwise dependent student is independent based on the support they provide during the academic year for a child or other dependent.

Verification of Dependents

Please list the names and ages of **your** dependents and their relationship to you.

Dependents are those people you will support more than 50% between July 1st of the current year and June 30th of the upcoming year. Include your children if they receive **more than half** of their support from you. Include other people only if they meet the following criteria:

1. they now live with you, **and**
2. they now receive more than half of their support from you, **and**
3. they will continue to receive this support from you through June 30 of the upcoming year.

If the dependent(s) is(are) your child(ren), please provide a copy of the birth certificate(s).

Name of Person Being Supported By You	Age	Relationship

Where are the dependent(s) named above currently living?

- ☐ With me (the student) ☐ With my parent(s)

☐ With my child's other parent ☐ Other:

Where do you (the student) live?

- ☐ With my contributor(s)
- ☐ By myself in my own house
- ☐ With my child's other parent
- ☐ With roommates (How many adults are responsible for paying the housing costs?)
- ☐ Other (ex. With friends, significant other, family members other than a parent, in a shelter or halfway house, hotel, homeless, etc.)

If other, please explain:

Household Information

Name of Homeowner/Leaseholder:

Directions

In the chart below, include the total household expenses with whom you live with (do not just include the portion of what you pay, rather, we need data on what the entire household monthly expenses are).

Monthly Household Expenses

Monthly Total Household Bills

Rent

\$

Electric Bill

\$

Gas Bill	\$	
Water Bill	\$	
Total Monthly Expenses	\$	

Financial Aid Officer Use:

Formula One: The student does not live with his/her parents.

(Total Monthly Expenses ÷ Number of Adults Responsible for Paying Housing Costs) =

Formula Two: The student lives with his/her contributors or the child's other parent. (Total Monthly Expenses) x 0.51 =

Monthly Income Information

Directions

In the chart below list the total amount of monthly income you, the student, provide.

Type of Income	Monthly Amount
Student Wages (provide most recent month's pay stubs)	\$
Child Support Received (whether voluntary or court ordered) [provide supporting documents]	\$
Unemployment	\$

Social Security Benefits

\$

Other (indicate type):

\$

Check all sources of other benefit income you receive:

☐

Medicaid

☐

TANF/WorkFirst

☐

SNAP/Food Stamps

☐

Section 8 Housing

☐

Utilities Check

☐

WIC

☐

Child Care Assistance

☐

Other (Indicate Type):

Does (Do) your dependent(s) currently receive any earnings or benefits? Check all that apply and provide monthly amount:

☐

Wages:

☐

Welfare benefits:

☐

Retirement:

☐

Social Security:

☐

VA benefits:

☐

None of the above

☐

Other:

Certification and Signature

Please provide your signature. By providing your signature, you are certifying that all of the information on this form is complete and correct. You are also authorizing Central Piedmont Community

College to make corrections to your original and/or subsequent applications based on the documents you are now submitting.

Student Signature:

Date:

Supporting Documentation

Your status as an independent student for federal financial aid purposes is based upon your answer to questions regarding your dependency on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). In order to complete the financial aid process, **please submit a minimum of two supporting documents** that represent your situation. Your financial aid cannot be processed until the required documentation has been received and evaluated.

Status	Supporting Documentation
The student and his/her child do not live with the student's parents.	[Required] The birth certificate (or equivalent) of the student's dependent The student's lease agreement with the student's dependent listed as an occupant The student's health insurance plan listing the student's dependent as a dependent Proof of financial capability Most recent monthly pay stubs Unemployment compensation Social Security Benefits Child support Other benefits
A student and his/her child live with the student's parents.	[Required] The birth certificate (or equivalent) of the student's dependent The student's health insurance plan listing the student's dependent as a dependent Proof of financial capability Most recent monthly pay stubs Unemployment compensation Social Security Benefits Child support Other benefits

Status	Supporting Documentation
A student claiming someone who is not his/her child as a dependent.	The student's lease agreement with the student's dependent listed as an occupant The student's health insurance plan listing the student's dependent as a dependent Proof of financial capability Most recent monthly pay stubs Unemployment compensation Social Security Benefits Other benefits