

2026-2027 PROVISIONAL INDEPENDENT FORM (Appeal for Dependency Override)

Based on the information you have reported on your FAFSA, you have been granted a Provisional Independent status. In order to continue processing your financial aid application, the U.S. Department of Education requires that we verify you meet the requirements for independent status.

STUDENT INFORMATION (Please print)

Student's Last Name

Student's First Name

Middle Initial

Student ID Number

STEP 1: REASON FOR APPEAL

Please check the option that most accurately describes your circumstances:

- I was granted independent status at Milwaukee Area Technical College for the prior academic year.
 - **Skip to Step 4 if your situation has remained unchanged**
- At any time on or after July 1, 2025, I was unaccompanied and either (1) homeless or (2) self-supporting and at risk of being homeless.
 - **Please complete the 2026-27 [Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Verification Form](#)**
- I left home due to an abusive or threatening environment.
- I was abandoned by or am estranged from my parents.
- I have approved refugee or asylee status (I-94) and am separated from my parents, or my parents are displaced in a foreign country.
- I am a victim of human trafficking.
- I am incarcerated, or my parents are incarcerated and contact with my parents would pose a risk to me.
- I am otherwise unable to contact or locate my parents.
- None of these circumstances apply.

STEP 2: SUBMIT A PERSONAL STATEMENT

Include a **signed and dated** statement that explains, in detail, the extreme, unique and/or unusual family circumstance(s) that prevents you from obtaining and providing your parents' information on the FAFSA application. A typed signature will not be accepted. In the statement, please include:

- A history of events with dates explaining how these events led to the eventual deterioration/dysfunction in the parent/child relationship.
- Describe your current relationship (even if non-existent) with each parent.

STEP 3: SUBMIT SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Please submit the following documents substantiating your unusual circumstance:

- **Signed and dated** letter from a professional (counselor, therapist, doctor, member of the clergy, social worker, etc.) or another person with knowledge of your situation. They should be able to provide a detailed statement verifying your situation with your parents and the reason you are unable to provide their information on the FAFSA. Make sure the person's name and phone number appear on the letter.
- Any other documentation that supports your reason for appeal. Examples include a restraining order, police report, medical records, I-94, etc.

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STEP 4: READ AND SIGN**PLEASE NOTE:**

- If your appeal is incomplete or submitted without the necessary documentation, processing of your appeal will be delayed until the additional information is obtained.
- Submission of an appeal does not guarantee your request will be approved.
- If your situation has not changed, your Provisional Independent status will be valid for future years. Please submit this form each academic year to confirm your situation has not changed.
- You will be notified by MATC email regarding the outcome of your Provisional Independent status request.
 - If your appeal is accepted, MATC will submit the approval to the Department of Education, and you will receive a FAFSA submission summary reflecting your independent status. An award offer will then be processed and you will be notified via MATC email to view and accept your award in MATC's Self Service.
 - If your appeal is not accepted, the MATC Financial Aid Office will notify you via MATC email.

CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

By signing this document, the student certifies that all information provided is complete and correct. The student must sign and date.

(Electronic/typed signatures are not accepted)

Student's Signature (Required)

Date

WARNING: If you purposely give false or misleading information on this form, you may be fined, be sentenced to jail, or both