



Financial Aid Office
Independent Student Status (IU24WA/1WARD)
2023-2024

On your 2023-2024 FAFSA, you responded “YES” to one of the following question(s) – based on this response, please provide the documentation requested below.

At any time since you turned age 13, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care or were you dependent or ward of the court?

If yes, please provide:

- Death certificates for both father and mother, or
- Court records documenting foster care/ward of the court status

As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you an emancipated minor?

If yes, please provide:

- Court records documenting emancipated minor status

Does someone other than your parent or stepparent have legal guardianship of you, as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?

If yes, please provide:

- Records documenting a court-ordered, permanent legal guardianship

See [2023-2024 FAFSA Notes \(page 10\)](#) for additional definitions and instructions.

If you are unable to obtain the documentation listed above, please contact the Financial Aid Office for further instruction.