

Name _____ University ID _____

The questions answered in FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) Step Two determine dependency status. Indicate which of the below items qualifies you to be classified as an independent student and submit the required documentation.

Reasons for Independent Status (check only one) – Forms located at: www.siue.edu/financialaid/forms.shtml

- I was married as of the day I filed the FAFSA**
--Submit a copy of your marriage certificate
- At the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year I will be working on a master's or doctorate program.**
--Submit proof that you have been admitted into your master's or doctorate program
- I am currently serving on active duty in the U.S Armed Forces for purposes other than training.**
--Submit a letter from the Department of Defense verifying your active duty status and Military Benefits (MILT) form
- I am a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces.**
--Submit a copy of DD Form 214, Member 4 Copy
--If you received untaxed military benefits in 2009 (excluding BAH), submit the Military Benefits (MILT) form
- I have children who will receive more than half of their support from me between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011**
--Submit a copy of your child's birth certificate and Legal Dependents (LEGDP) form (from forms page on www.siue.edu/financialaid/forms.shtml)
- I have dependents (other than my children or spouse), who as of the day I filed my FAFSA lived with me and received more than half of their support from me that will continue through June 30, 2011**
--Submit Dependency Status (DEPS) form (from forms page on www.siue.edu/financialaid/forms.shtml)
- When I was age 13 or older, both my parents were deceased, I was in foster care, or I was a dependent/ward of the court**
--Submit copies of death certificate, foster care documents, or court documentation for ward of the court
- I am an emancipated minor as determined by a court in my state of legal residence**
--Submit court documentation
- I am or was in legal guardianship as determined by a court in my state of legal residence**
--Submit court documentation
- On or after July 1, 2009, my high school or school district homeless liaison determined that I was an unaccompanied youth who was homeless**
--Submit documentation from the school district
- On or after July 1, 2009, the director of an emergency shelter program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development determined that I was an unaccompanied youth who was homeless**
--Submit documentation from the Department of HUD
- On or after July 1, 2009, the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program determined that I was an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or was self-supporting and at risk of being homeless**
--Submit documentation from the center/transitional living program

Certification Statement

I certify that the information I have provided is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Student Signature

Date