

Student Name _____ Univ. ID# _____

Your 2026-2027 FAFSA has been selected for verification, a process required by federal regulation. Requested information must be submitted as soon as possible. **Financial aid cannot be offered until the verification process has been completed.**

You reported on the 2026-2027 FAFSA that you were independent. Indicate which item below qualifies you to be classified as an independent student and submit the required documents. Any additional forms can be found at www.siue.edu/financial-aid/forms/index.shtml.

- ☐ I was married as of the day I filed the FAFSA (also check the box if you are separated but not divorced).
-Submit a copy of your marriage certificate
- ☐ 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
- ☐ I am a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces. (*Members of the National Guard or Reserves are only considered to be veterans if they were called up to active Federal duty by presidential order for a purpose other than training.*)
-Submit a copy of your DD214, Member 4 Copy
- ☐ I have children who will receive more than half of their support from me between July 1, 2026, and June 30, 2027.
-Submit **BOTH** a copy of your child's birth certificate **AND** Legal Dependents (LEGDP) form
- ☐ 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 now and through June 30, 2027.
-Submit Dependency Status (DEPS) form
- ☐ When I was age 13 or older my parents were deceased, I was in foster care, or I was a dependent or ward of the court.
-Submit copies of death certificates, foster care documents, or court documentation for dependent or ward of the court
- ☐ I am or was a legally emancipated minor, as determined by a court in their state of residence.
-Submit official court documentation
- ☐ I am or was in a legal guardianship with someone other than their parent or stepparent, as determined by a court in their state of residence.
-Submit official court documentation
- ☐ At any time on or after July 1, 2025, my high school or school district homeless liaison determined that I was an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless.
-Submit documentation from the school district
- ☐ At any time on or after July 1, 2025, the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development determined that I was an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless.
-Submit documentation from the Department of HUD
- ☐ At any time on or after July 1, 2025, 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 self-supporting and at risk of being homeless.
-Submit documentation from the center/transitional living program
- ☐ **I made a mistake on my FAFSA; I am not independent and do not meet any of the guidelines listed above.**
-You must file your FAFSA using parental information. You will need to go online to make the correction(s) at www.studentaid.gov.
Please make sure your parent signs the FAFSA.

With my signature, I certify that ALL the information on this form is true and complete.

Required Student Signature

Date

Please note: Typed names cannot be accepted. Please sign using a handwritten or approved electronic signature.