



On your 2025-2026 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), you indicated that you are an independent student for financial aid purposes due to one of the reasons listed below. Our office must verify your status as an independent student.

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer the questions below and submit this form along with the required document(s) listed to the Financial Aid Office. If you have any questions, contact our office at (614) 251-4778 or finaid@ohiodominican.edu.

A. Student Information

Last Name

First Name

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ODU Student ID Number or Last 4 of SSN

Phone Number (including area code)

At any time since you turned age 13, were you in foster care or were you a ward of the court?

- Yes. If yes, **submit** formal documentation of your status in foster care or as a ward of the court, *even if you are no longer a dependent or ward of the court today.*
- No. Continue with this form.

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

- Yes. If yes, **submit** a *copy* _____ an emancipated minor or were an emancipated minor immediately before you reached the age of being an adult in your state of residence.
- No. Continue with this form.

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

- Yes. If yes, **submit** a *copy* _____ guardianship in your state of residence or you were in legal guardianship immediately before you reached the age of being an adult in your state of residence.
- No. Continue with this form.

At any time on or after July 1, 2024, did your high school or school district homeless liaison or designee determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?

- Yes. If yes, **submit** the supporting documentation from the school or school district official who made the determination.
- No. Continue with this form.

At any time on or after July 1, 2024, did the director or designee of an emergency or transitional shelter, street outreach program, homeless youth drop-in center, or other program serving those experiencing homelessness determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?

- Yes. If yes, **submit** the supporting documentation from the director who made the determination.
- No. Continue with this form.

At any time on or after July 1, 2024, did the director or designee of a project supported by TRIO or GEAR UP program grant determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?

- Yes. If yes, **submit** the supporting documentation from the director who made the determination.
- No. Continue with this form.

If none of the previous reasons describe your status, you are considered a Dependent student. As a result, you must go to studentaid.gov to access your existing FAFSA, make corrections, and add parent/contributor(s) information.

If you have no contact with your parents and do not know where they live, you should discuss your situation with our office to determine what to do next.

If you are not sure who to report as your parent, check out Reporting Parent Information at <https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out/parent-info>.

