



2022-2023 DEPENDENCY STATUS PETITION

Criteria for Determining Independent Student Status

The federal methodology assumes that the primary responsibility for paying college costs rest with the family. Federal regulations permit the University to exercise professional judgment in determining if **unusual or extenuating** circumstances can be documented to consider the student independent for federal financial aid purposes. This determination is made on a case by case basis.

What Does Not Constitute Unusual or Extenuating Circumstances:

- A parent refusing to provide data.
- A student who does not want to ask parents for information.
- A student who has been “on their own” for several years.
- A student who does not communicate with parents.
- A student who has been previously considered independent for the purpose of receiving financial aid but does not meet the current definition for 2022-2023.
- A student who is divorced/widowed at the time of filing and does not meet one of the current definitions 2022-2023.

Student Instructions

- Complete the attached Dependency Status Petition
- Secure written documentation from appropriate persons and/or agencies confirming the specifics as identified via the petition.
 - Documentation must be either on official letterhead or notarized.
 - Letters detailing the history of the student/parent relationship should be provided by:
 - The parent (if possible)
 - An adult relative (24 years or older), specify relationship to you.
 - An adult professional, such as a high school counselor, doctor, minister, lawyer, social agencies, etc.
- Attach documentation showing resources (i.e. 2020 Federal Income Tax Return, 2020 W2 statement, or other proof of resources.)

Review of Unusual or Extenuating Circumstances

Each person will be reviewed on a case by case basis by the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships. Professional judgment will be exercised in determining if an unusual or extenuating circumstance exists and if adequate documentation has been provided. The student will be notified of the decision within 20 working days.

Student's Name: _____

UIN: _____

Explain the circumstances that make it impossible for your parent(s) to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). *Attach additional pages if needed.*

Explain how you are meeting your living expenses without parental assistance. *Attach additional pages if needed.*

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided for this petition is true and correct.

Student Signature

Date

Office Use Only

Reviewed by _____

Approved _____

Denied _____

Date _____

Letter Sent _____

2022-2023 VERIFICATION WORKSHEET

INDEPENDENT

Your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) was selected for a process called verification. Federal regulations require that we check the accuracy of the information provided on the 2022-2023 FAFSA. Final eligibility for aid cannot be determined until the requested documentation is received and reviewed.

Last Name	First Name	University ID Number
Email Address	Phone Number	

Please read carefully. If a Section is incomplete, it may delay the processing of your aid.

1. FAMILY INFORMATION AND HOUSEHOLD SIZE

List the people in your household between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023, including:

- Yourself, and your spouse if you have one
- **Your children, if you will provide more than half of their support, even if they do not live with you.**
- Other people if they now live with you and you will provide more than 50% of their support and will continue to provide more than 50% of their support. **Provide documentation** showing support of more than 50%. (attach documentation below)
- Indicate what College/University any other household members (excluding parents) are or will be attending at least half time or more.

**Number in household and in college on this worksheet will be used if it differs from what was entered on your original FAFSA.*

Full Name	Age	Relationship	College
		Self	Florida Gulf Coast University

2. STUDENT'S INCOME AND TAX INFORMATION

Are you married? Yes No

You must check only **ONE** box.

- I filed a 2020 federal tax return – I used the IRS Data Retrieval to transfer my tax information from the IRS to my FAFSA.
- I filed a 2020 federal tax return - I am not eligible to use the IRS Data Retrieval and will provide a **signed copy** of my **entire** 2020 federal tax return.
- I am not required to file a 2020 federal tax return and will provide verification of non-filing (separate Gulfline requirement)

Did you work in 2020? Yes No

List employer information below and **attach all 2020 W2's or other earning statements such as 1099's.**

Employer: _____ Amount of Income: \$ _____
 Employer: _____ Amount of Income: \$ _____
 Employer: _____ Amount of Income: \$ _____

3. SPOUSE'S INCOME AND TAX INFORMATION

You must check only **ONE** box.

- I filed a 2020 federal tax return – I used the IRS Data Retrieval to transfer my tax information from the IRS to my FAFSA.
- I filed a 2020 federal tax return - I am not eligible to use the IRS Data Retrieval and will provide a **signed copy** of my **entire** 2020 federal tax return.
- I am not required to file a 2020 federal tax return and will provide verification of non-filing (separate Gulfline requirement)

Did you work in 2020? Yes No

List employer information below and **attach all 2020 W2's or other earning statements such as 1099's.**

Employer: _____ Amount of Income: \$ _____
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I declare all information on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Additionally, I understand that if I am found to have knowingly or intentionally given false statements or fraudulent documentation, the student's eligibility for federal financial aid will be jeopardized.

All information provided on this worksheet will be used if it differs from what was entered on the original FAFSA submitted.

 Student

 Date