

Request for Documentation

Student Name _____ VU ID# _____

Student Phone# _____ Preferred E-mail _____

You answered Yes to one of the FAFSA Questions 49-54 in the Student Dependency Section.

Please mark the box for the question that applies to your circumstances and submit the required document(s).

- ☐ **Question 49.** At any time since you turned age 13, were both your parents (biological or adoptive) deceased, were you in foster care, or were you a dependent or ward of the court?
- If you answered *Yes* because both parents were deceased, please provide copies of death certificates or documentation from the county department of child services.
 - If you answered *Yes* because you were in foster care, please provide a copy of the court documentation or a letter from your county's department of child services.
 - If you answered *Yes* because you were a dependent or ward of the court, please provide a copy of the court documentation or a letter from your county's department of child services.
- ☐ **Question 50.** Are you or were you, immediately before you reached the age of 18, an emancipated minor as determined by a court in your state of residence? Answer *No* if the court decision was not in effect at the time you became an adult.
- Please provide a copy of the court document. (If your state of residence has an age for legal adulthood higher than 18, please also submit proof of that.)
- ☐ **Question 51.** Are you or were you in legal guardianship, immediately before you reached the age of 18, as determined by a court in your state of legal residence? (In Indiana this includes *third party custody*.) Answer *No* if the court decision was not in effect at the time you became an adult.
- Please provide a copy of the court document. (If your state of residence has an age for legal adulthood higher than 18, please also submit proof of that.)

Homeless means lacking fixed, regular and adequate housing, which includes living in shelters, motels, cars, or temporarily living with other people because you have nowhere else to go. Also, if you are living in any of these situations and fleeing an abusive parent, you may be considered homeless even if your parent would provide support and a place to live.

Unaccompanied means you are not living in the physical custody of your parent or guardian.

Youth means you are 21 years of age or younger or you are still enrolled in high school as of the day you signed the FAFSA.

- ☐ **Question 52.** At any time on or after July 1, 2022, did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless?
- Please provide on school letterhead a letter signed by a school counselor, assistant principal, or principal that describes their understanding of your situation. The person who composes and signs the letter should include his or her contact information.
- ☐ **Question 53.** At any time on or after July 1, 2022, did the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless?
- Please provide on the shelter's or housing program's letterhead a signed copy of the director's determination. The director should include his or her contact information.
- ☐ **Question 54.** At any time on or after July 1, 2022, did the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?
- Please provide a signed copy of the director's determination. The director should include his or her contact information.

What to do if you need to change your answer or cannot provide the necessary documentation:

- If you realize you need to correct your answer for any of these questions on your 2023-2024 FAFSA from *Yes* to *No*, please go to [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov). Click on the link to make a correction to your FAFSA. Make all appropriate changes and add the necessary parent information. You and the parent must sign before submitting these corrections to your FAFSA. Be sure to submit changes.

OR

- If you realize you cannot provide what we need, but you still believe you should count as an independent student, please contact us by email at fa@vinu.edu or by phone at 812-888-4361 for instructions on how you can access the *Dependency Change Request form* online. This form is also available in our office. Complete and return it with relevant documentation to Vincennes University, Student Financial Services, 1002 N. First St., Vincennes, IN 47591 or fax to 812-888-4261.