

## 2025–2026 Independent Documentation Form

When the Department of Education processed your FAFSA, you selected that you were independent based on one of the following reasons listed below. To continue processing your file, you will need to submit documentation to confirm this status.

Please complete and return this form and any requested documentation to the Office of Financial Aid. Documents may be uploaded online by visiting our Financial Aid Forms webpage: <a href="http://www.ubalt.edu/admission/financial-aid/resources/forms.cfm">http://www.ubalt.edu/admission/financial-aid/resources/forms.cfm</a> or faxed to 410.837.5493, or dropped off in person at the Office of Financial Aid.

Please allow 3-5 business days for your MyUB Portal "To Do List" to be updated once submitted.

A. <u>STUDENT INFORMATION</u>		
Last Name	First Name	M.I. Student ID Number (begins with 1 or 3)
Email Address	Telephone Number	Date of Birth
B. <u>Select one optio</u>	<u>N</u>	
Option 1: I have children	for whom I provide more than 50% of th	neir support. Please submit all the following:
A birth certificate for	your child <u>OR</u> a letter from doctor confirr	ming date of birth within the academic year
A 2023 or 2024 Tax Re	eturn Transcript showing child claimed c	as your dependent
Proof of health insura	nce for the child under your policy OR p	oroof you are seeking prenatal care
If Applicable provide	the following below:	
Documentation of d	ay care expenses that show you paid fo	or childcare cost
A separation agreer	nent or court order showing custody an	d child support arrangement for child
Option 2: I have a legal o	dependent for whom I provide more tha	ın 50% of their support. Please submit:
A 2023 Tax Return Tro	inscript showing the dependent as clain	ned
Any legal guardiansh egal claim for your de		ocumentation that you have to support your
Option 3: I am an orphar	n, a ward of the court, or have foster car	e status. Please submit:
Death Certificate of student's birth certificate	both parents (if only one parent is listed cate)	on the birth certificate, also submit the
Documentation of a	doption	
Official court docum	entation that appoints your status as a	"ward of the court" after age 12

A letter from the DHR of Maryland that documents that you were in foster care after age 12 (or

documentation from the state in which you were in foster care)

Option 4: I am or was under Legal Guardianship. Please submit:
A copy of the court's decision that you are or were in legal guardianship immediately prior to reaching the age of adulthood in your state of legal residence
Option 5: I am or was an Emancipated Minor. Please submit: (Note: The State of Maryland does not recognize emancipated minors)
A copy of the court's decision documenting that you are or were an emancipated minor in your state of legal residence
Option 6: I am/was at Risk of Homelessness or I am/was an Unaccompanied Youth as determined by a runaway or homeless youth center, transitional living program, or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Please submit:
Documentation from the director or designee of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program that determines that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless. Must be provided on the organization's letterhead.
Documentation from the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that determines that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless. Must be provided on the organization's letterhead.
If the above is not available, the student can submit two signed and notarized statements from two recorganized third party sources who can confirm your unaccompanied youth status. (Recognized third party sources may include private or publicly funded homeless shelters and service providers, college access programs such as TRIO and GEAR UP, college or high school counselors, other mental health professionals social workers, mentors, doctors, and clergy). All must be provided on the organization's letterhead.
Option 7: I am at Risk of Homelessness or I am an Unaccompanied Youth as determined by a School District Liaison (SDL). Please submit:
A copy of your Unaccompanied Youth determination from your high school or school district homeless liaison
Option 8: Renewal Request
This is a renewal; I certify my circumstances has not changed and a copy of the required documentation was provided in the previous award year
Option 9: None of these options apply to me.
Make corrections to your FAFSA at <u>studentaid.gov</u> , updating your dependency status and providing pare information, as requested.
C. SIGN THIS WORKSHEET
By signing this worksheet, I (we) certify that all the information reported on this worksheet to qualify for federa student aid is complete and correct. If you are dependent for financial aid purposes, at least one parent mussign. Warning: If you purposely give false or misleading information on this worksheet, you may be fined or sentenced to jail or both.
Student's signature Date