



EAST TENNESSEE STATE  
UNIVERSITY

Financial Aid & Scholarships

## 2026-27 Verification of Independent Status (EVIS27)

Student's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student's E-Number \_\_\_\_\_

Your status as an independent student for financial aid purposes was based upon your answer to question 5 on the 2026-27 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA instructions notify you that the financial aid administrator at your school may require proof of your status. **In order to complete the financial aid process, please check the status that represents your situation and submit the required documentation. Your aid cannot be processed until documentation has been received and evaluated. If the documentation you submit is insufficient, this requirement will be marked incomplete.**

| STATUS  | REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Emancipated Minor</b><br>You are or were an emancipated minor as determined by a court in your state of legal residence, prior to reaching the age of being an adult in your state.                 | Provide a copy of a court's decision documenting you are an emancipated minor from the state of your legal residence.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Legal Guardianship</b><br>You are or were in legal guardianship as determined by a court in your state of legal residence, prior to reaching the age of being an adult in your state.               | Provide a copy of a court's decision documenting you are in legal guardianship from the state of your legal residence.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Orphan, Foster Child, or Ward of the Court</b><br>Any time after the age of 13 both parents passed away, you were in foster care, or a ward of the court (the courts assumed legal custody of you). | Provide death certificates for both parents or copy of a court's decision documenting placement into foster care or the court's assuming legal custody over you. |

**This form submitted without documentation will be denied. If you selected any of the above statuses on your FAFSA in error, you must correct your FAFSA and include parental information. Notify ETSU's Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships 3-5 business days after you have corrected your FAFSA to include parental information. The corrected FAFSA will not automatically clear this requirement.**

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Student Signature

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Date