

You reported on your FAFSA that you were an independent student based on one of the scenarios below. You should complete this form and submit all required documentation to Financial Aid and Scholarships so we can continue processing your financial aid. Please note, this determination is made on a case-by-case basis. Visit our webpage for additional information on unusual circumstances <https://www.coastal.edu/financialaid/fafsaspecialcircumstances/>. **What you should do:**

1. Complete the applicable section of the Dependency Status Clarification form; **and**
2. Submit corresponding required documentation.

Allow 2 to 3 weeks for processing. Please note that processing time may be longer during peak periods. You MUST include your (student's) name and CCU ID number on all documents submitted. Failure to do so will result in a delay of the processing of your documents.

Student Information

Last Name _____ First Name _____ SSN/ID _____

Current Address (include apt. no.) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Best Contact Phone (_____) _____ Email address _____

Section A: Orphan (FACORP)

At any time **since you turned age 13**, were you an orphan (with no living biological or adoptive parent)? *If yes, please specify:*

- If you checked yes and you have no living biological parent, even if you are now adopted, submit a copy of the death certificate or obituary for **BOTH** biological parents. If the only parent listed on your birth certificate is now deceased, submit a copy of your birth certificate and documentation of death (i.e., death certificate, obituary, etc.).

Section B: Ward of the Court (FACWRD)

At any time **since you turned age 13**, were you a ward of the court? *If yes, please specify:*

- If you checked yes and you were a dependent or ward of the court, even if you are no longer a dependent or ward of the court today, attach **official** documentation verifying you are/were a dependent or ward of the court. For Title IV Federal aid purposes, someone who is incarcerated is **not** considered a ward of the court.

Section C: Foster Care (FACFCY)

At any time **since you turned age 13**, were you in foster care? *If yes, please specify:*

- If you checked yes and you were in foster care, even if you are no longer in foster care today, attach **official** documentation verifying you are/were in foster care. If you are not sure if you were in foster care, check with your state child welfare agency. You can find that agency's contact information at childwelfare.gov/nfcad.

Section D: Emancipated Minor (FACEMM)

As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you an emancipated minor? *If yes, please specify:*

- I have attached a copy of the court's decision that **as of today** I am an emancipated minor.
- I have attached a copy of the court's decision that I was an emancipated minor **immediately before I reached the age of being an adult in my state.**

Section E: Legal Guardianship (FACLEG)

Does someone other than your parent or stepparent have legal guardianship of you, as determined by a court in your state of legal residence? *If yes, please specify:*

- I have attached a copy of the court's decision that **as of today** I am in legal guardianship.
- I have attached a copy of the court's decision that I was in legal guardianship **immediately before I reached the age of being an adult in my state.**

Note: Legal guardianship does not include your parents, even if they were appointed by a court to be your guardians. You are also not considered a legal guardian of yourself.

- I am in legal **custody** of someone other than my biological parents. *For Title IV Federal aid purposes, legal custody is not the same as legal guardianship.**

If you are in legal custody of someone other than your parents, but have contact with your parents, you must add your biological parent(s) information to the FAFSA. If you are unable to provide parental information on your FAFSA, please submit a typed, **signed statement detailing your current relationship with **both** of your parents. Additional documentation will be required.*

Section F: Previous Dependency Override Approval (FACSCW)

- I was previously approved by CCU to be an independent student based on a dependency override appeal due to unusual circumstances.

Section H: None of the Above (FACMSC)

- None of the above sections apply to me. *You will need to update the dependency status of your FAFSA, add your legal parent(s) information and resubmit.*

*****Supporting documentation is required for sections A -E as listed. Additional documentation may be requested. *****

Certification and Signatures

Signing this worksheet certifies that all information reported is complete and accurate. Typed and/or computer-generated signatures will not be accepted. I understand I may be required to provide additional documentation to determine my eligibility for federal financial aid.

WARNING: If you purposely give false or misleading information, you may be fined, sent to prison, or both.

Student Signature_____
Date