

2027-28 Proof of Independent Status

You indicated on the FAFSA that one of the following is true. Please upload this document along with any required documentation to your Financial Aid Portal.

Financial Aid processing will be put on hold until documentation has been submitted and evaluated.

Circumstance	Required Documentation
☐ The student is currently serving on active duty in the U.S. armed forces for purposes other than training.	Copy of your current active duty orders.
☐ The student is a veteran of the U.S. armed forces.	Copy of DD Form 214 (Report of Separation)
☐ The student has children or other people (excluding their spouse) who live with them and receive more than half of their support from the student now and between July 1, 2027 and June 30, 2028.	Complete the 2027-28 Certification of Dependent(s) Form on page 2
☐ At any time since the student turned 13, they were an orphan (no living biological or adoptive parent).	Copy of Death Certificates for both parents
☐ At any time since the student turned 13, they were a ward of the court.	Copy of a court's decision placing you in custody of the state
☐ At any time since the student turned 13, they were in foster care.	Copy of Foster Care Placement at age 13 or older
☐ The student is or was a legally emancipated minor, as determined by a court in their state of residence.	Copy of a court's decision which states that you were an emancipated minor immediately before you reached the age of adulthood in your state OR as of today. The court must be located in your state of legal residence at the time the court's decision was issued.
☐ The student is or was in a legal guardianship with someone other than their parent or stepparent, as determined by a court in their state of residence.	Copy of a court's decision which states that you were in a legal guardianship immediately before you reached the age of adulthood in your state OR as of today. The court must be located in your state of legal residence at the time the court's decision was issued.
☐ At any time on or after July 1, 2026, the student was unaccompanied and either (1) homeless or (2) self-supporting and at risk of being homeless	- Determination from a high school district homeless liaison or, - Determination from a Director of an emergency transitional shelter or other program serving those experiencing homelessness or, - Determination from a Director of TRIO or GEAR UP program or, - Determination from a Financial Aid Administrator

2027-28 Certification of Dependent(s)

I certify that I (print name) _____, the student, provide (or will provide) over half of the financial support for the child(ren) or qualifying dependent(s) during the 2027-28 school year while I am a student at McPherson College.

- I have or will have a child(ren) by the beginning of the 2027-2028 school year

Child(ren) Name: _____

Child(ren) Date of Birth/Expected Date: _____

- I have or will have a qualifying dependent (other than a child or spouse) during the 2027-2028 school year

Dependent's Name: _____

Dependent's Name: _____

Dependent's Name: _____

I certify that all the information reported on this form is complete and accurate.

Signature

Print

Date