INDEPENDENT STUDENT STATUS DOCUMENTATION

AWARD YEAR 2020-2021

When you completed the 2020-21 FAFSA application, you answered “YES” to one of the questions listed below. Please check the appropriate box that applies to your situation and submit this form and attach the required documentation listed below.

FAFSA QUESTIONS

☐ #50. Do you now have or will you have children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021?
   Required Documentation—Birth certificates of children you are supporting.

☐ #51. Do you have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and who will receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2021?
   Required Documentation—Copy of tax transcript showing dependents claimed as exemptions, or other documentation that shows you are contributing more than half of their support.

☐ #52. At any time since you turned age 13, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care or were you a dependent or ward of the court?
   Required Documentation—Death certificates of either deceased parents, or court document showing you were in foster care or a ward of the court and when.

☐ #53. As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you an emancipated minor?
   Required Documentation—Court document from your state of legal residence where you were emancipated.
   Note - Student cannot be considered independent where Joint legal custody/guardianship is with the biological parent.

☐ #54. Does anyone other than your parent or stepparent have legal guardianship of you, as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?
   Required Documentation—Court document from your state of legal residence where you were placed under legal guardianship of another person.

☐ #55. At any time on or after July 1, 2019, did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?
   Required Documentation—Document on letterhead from either your high school or school district homeless liaison verifying this status.

☐ #56. At any time on or after July 1, 2019, did the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?
   Required Documentation—Document on letterhead from the director of the emergency shelter or HUD verifying this status.

☐ #57. At any time on or after July 1, 2019, 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?
   Required Documentation—Document on letterhead from the director of the runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program verifying this status.

Student’s Signature ___________________________ Date ___________________________

Print Name ___________________________________ UIN ___________________________

Phone ___________________________________________