



2016-2017 DOCUMENTATION OF INDEPENDENT STUDENT STATUS FORM

The University of Kansas
Financial Aid & Scholarships
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First Name

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Last Name

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Phone

Email Address

We are unable to continue processing your 2016-2017 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) until Financial Aid & Scholarships (FAS) receives documentation of your independent student status. Please check the category below that applies to you, sign the form, attach any of the acceptable types of documentation listed for that category, and submit it to the FAS. **No federal, state, or institutional financial aid will be awarded to you until this process is complete.**

GRADUATE OR PROFESSIONAL STUDENT:

- Please submit documentation you have been accepted into the Graduate School or the School of Law at KU for the 2016-2017 academic year. A copy of your admission letter is appropriate documentation (Students in the PharmD program are not required to submit this form to FAS; see below).
- If you have been accepted into the School of Pharmacy PharmD program, please contact FAS at financialaid@ku.edu. Since the PharmD program is an undergraduate program, but also confers a professional degree, you can be considered either an undergraduate (if you have less than 132 credit hours) or a graduate/professional student (if you have 132+ credit hours completed **AND** accepted by KU). This classification is used for financial aid purposes only and FAS will determine your status. Review the Financial Aid Opportunities for Pharmacy Students publication at affordability.ku.edu for more information.

ACTIVE DUTY IN U.S. ARMED FORCES: If you are currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training, please provide a copy of your Active Duty Orders.

DEPENDENT CHILDREN: If you have any children who receive more than half of their support from you, please complete the Independent Student Status Legal Dependent form, available at affordability.ku.edu/forms.

LEGAL DEPENDENTS (OTHER THAN A SPOUSE): If you have dependents, other than your children and spouse, who live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you now and through June 30, 2017, please complete the Independent Student Status Legal Dependent form, available at affordability.ku.edu/forms.

ORPHAN, WARD OF THE COURT, OR FOSTER CARE:

- You are an orphan if both of your parents are deceased and you do not have an adoptive parent. Please submit a copy of your birth certificate, along with copies of both parents' death certificates or obituaries.
- You were a dependent or ward of the court at any time since you turned age 13, even if you are no longer a dependent or ward of the court as of today. Please submit a copy of the court order or an official letter from your SRS officer stating you were in SRS custody or provide documentation of your release from court custody upon reaching the age of majority in your state.
- You were in foster care at any time since you turned age 13, even if you are no longer in foster care as of today. Please submit official proof of your foster care status.



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EMANCIPATED MINOR OR LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP:

- As of today, you are an emancipated minor or are in legal guardianship as determined by a court in your state of legal residence, or you were an emancipated minor or were in legal guardianship immediately before you reached the age of majority in your state. Please submit copies of the court decision in your case. The court must be located in your state of legal residence at the time the court's decision was issued.

HOMELESS OR UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH:

- At any time on or after July 1, 2015, your high school or school district homeless liaison determined that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless. Please submit official documentation from your high school district homeless liaison documenting this determination.
- At any time on or after July 1, 2015, the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development determined that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless. Please submit official documentation from the director of the shelter or housing program documenting this determination.
- At any time on or after July 1, 2015, the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program determined you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless. Please submit official documentation from the director of the basic center or transitional living program documenting this determination.
- At any time on or after July 1, 2015, you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless, and none of the above-mentioned criteria can be documented. Please contact FAS to set up and appointment with a financial aid counselor.

If your independent status is properly documented, you may qualify for up to the federal loan limits illustrated in the chart below for the academic year. Your individual maximum loan amount per academic year is established by FAS based on information from your FAFSA, the number of hours you have completed, and your estimated Cost of Attendance. Your individual maximum may be lower, but cannot be higher than the federal maximum loan limits listed.

ANNUAL UNDERGRADUATE FEDERAL LOAN LIMITS FOR INDEPENDENT STUDENTS	
0-29 hours	\$3,500 subsidized/unsubsidized + \$6,000 unsubsidized = \$9,500 total
30-59 hours	\$4,500 subsidized/unsubsidized + \$6,000 unsubsidized = \$10,500 total
60+ hours	\$5,500 subsidized/unsubsidized + \$7,000 unsubsidized = \$12,500 total

Important: If you cannot document your independent status based on the above categories, please go to www.fafsa.gov and answer "No" to questions 46-58. You must also provide parental income and asset information as well as a parent signature (your parent can sign electronically using his/her own FSA ID).

By signing this worksheet, I certify that all the information reported on this worksheet is complete and correct.

WARNING: *If you purposefully give false or misleading information on this worksheet, you may be fined and/or sentenced to jail.*

STUDENT SIGNATURE

DATE