



2017-2018 Independent Student Status Verification

Student's Name: _____

Rhodes ID Number: R_____

According to our records you indicated on the 2017-2018 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) that you are an independent student due to one of the following criteria and will need to submit supporting documentation as indicated below. Please submit this completed form and supporting documentation to Rhodes Express in person, by email at finaid@rhodes.edu or fax to (901) 843-3435. If you have questions, please call 901-843-3810.

✓	<i>Independent Student Eligibility Criteria (check one)</i>	<i>Supporting Documentation Required</i>
	I was born before January 1, 1994.	Copy of Birth Certificate or Driver's License.
	As of the date you completed the financial aid form, were you married?	Copy of Marriage License.
	I have a legal dependent other than a spouse, who will receive more than 50% of his/her financial support from me between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018.	Copy of your 2015 IRS Tax Return Transcript (order online at www.irs.gov/Individuals/Get-Transcript).
	Both of my parents are deceased, even if I am not adopted.	Copy of your parents' death certificate(s) or signed letters from family members documenting your circumstance. (If one parent is deceased and the other parent's whereabouts are unknown, attach a letter of explanation.)
	I am currently, or was a ward/dependent of the court or in foster care since the age of 13.	Copy of court documentation regarding your ward/dependent of the court status.
	I am currently or was under a legal guardianship as determined by a court in my state of legal residence.	Copy of court documentation explaining that you are under guardianship as determined by a court in your state of legal residency.
	I am or was an emancipated minor as determined by a court in my state of legal residence.	Copy of court documentation explaining that you are an emancipated minor as determined by a court in your state of legal residency.
	I am currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces or a National Guard or Reserves enlistee who is on active duty for other than state or training purposes.	Signed letter from your commanding officer confirming your active duty status.
	I am a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces and received an honorable discharge.	Copy of your DD214 showing military service other than the Reserves or National Guard.
	Was determined at any time since July 1, 2016, to be an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless.	Official letter from a high school district homeless liaison or the direct of a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development funded homeless shelter. (The letter must include contact information for verification purposes.)
	I am a graduate or professional student.	No documentation required.
	I answered the FAFSA incorrectly and none of the above conditions apply to me.	Update your 2017-2018 FAFSA by changing your answer(s) to the dependency questions and include your parental information and parental signature.

I hereby certify that all information contained in this document, including supporting documentation, is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if I am found to have knowingly or intentionally given false or fraudulent statements and/or documentation, I may be fined, imprisoned or both.

 Student's Signature

 Date