Lassen Community College
Financial Aid Office
P.O. Box 3000
Susanville, CA 96130

2025-2026 Independent Status Eligibility

PRINT ALL INFORMATION NEATLY IN BLUE OR BLACK INK ONLY. DO NOT USE WHITEOUT.

Last Name **First Name** **MI** **Student ID Number**

According to our records, you indicated on the 2025-2026 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) that you are an independent student because you met one of the following criteria. You will need to submit confirming documentation to the Financial Aid Office as indicated below. Without proper documentation this form will be considered incomplete.

CHECK ONE	Independent Status Eligibility Criteria	Supporting Documentation Required
	You are an orphan(check this box only if both parents are deceased; do not check this box if one parent is deceased and the whereabouts of your other parent is unknown).	Attach a copy of your birth certificate, along with a copy of each parent's death certificate.
	You are a Veteran of the Armed Forces.	Attach a copy of your DD214 stating discharge other than dishonorable.
	At any time since you turned 13, you were in foster care, even if you are no longer in foster care today.	Copy of official documentation from the court confirming your status in foster care.
	At any time since you turned 13, you were a dependent/ward of the court, which means the court determined that your parent(s) were unable to care for you and that the State or the Court took legal custody of you. You were removed from your parent(s) custody for your protection. If you were convicted of a crime as a juvenile, you do not meet the definition of "ward of the court" for financial aid purposes.	Copy of the official documentation from the court confirming your status as a dependent/ward of the court.
	At the time you completed the FAFSA you were an emancipated minor or you were an emancipated minor immediately before you reached the age of adulthood in your state.	Copy of the emancipation documentation from the court confirming your status and the effective date(s) of the status.
	At the time of your completion of the FAFSA, you were in a court ordered legal guardianship or you were in a court ordered legal guardianship immediately before you reached the age of adulthood in your state.	Copy of court documentation confirming your status in a legal guardianship and the effective dates(s) of the legal guardianship status.
	At any time after July 1, 2024 you received a determination from your high school or school district homeless liaison that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless.	Copy of the determination documentation from the high school or school district homeless liaison confirming this status.
	At any time after July 1, 2024 you received a determination from the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless.	Copy of the determination documentation from the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development confirming this status.
	At any time after July 1, 2024 you received a determination from the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless.	Copy of the determination documentation from the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program confirming the status.
	You made an error on your FAFSA and are not an orphan/ward of the court, emancipated minor, unaccompanied homeless youth, or Veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces.	You will need to make a correction to your FAFSA reflecting a parent signature and parental information. Failure to do this will result in delay of your Financial Aid.

I certify that all information reported is true and accurate. I understand that any false statements or misrepresentations may be cause for denial, reduction, withdrawal and/or repayment of financial aid and may be subject to fines and/or imprisonment.

Student Signature **Date**