



## Student Dependency Status Confirmation 2025-2026

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**You have indicated on your FAFSA that you are independent due to one of the following criteria. Please indicate which situation pertains to you and provide the required documentation to the Financial Aid Office.**

- Both parents are deceased or you were in foster care or a ward of the court at any time since you turned 13. (Provide death certificates or court documentation)
- You are married. (Please provide copy of marriage license)
- You are a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces or currently serving on active duty for purposes other than training. (Provide a DD214 or proof of Active Duty)
- You are or were an emancipated minor as determined by a court in your state of legal residence. (Please note that New York State does not grant emancipation status to minors)
- You are or were in legal guardianship as determined by a court. (Provide court documentation)
- You were determined to be an unaccompanied youth who was homeless by your high school homeless liaison. (Provide written and signed documentation from the school liaison on School District Letterhead)
- You were determined to be an unaccompanied youth who was homeless by the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. (Provide written and signed documentation from the shelter or agency on Organizational Letterhead)
- You were determined to be an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless by a director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program. (Provide written and signed documentation from the agency on Organizational Letterhead)

**If you have concluded that your situation does not meet the stated criteria you need to update your FAFSA online, with your parent's information, signature, and change your answer to the dependency question to NO.**

If you need assistance with this process, contact the Financial Aid Office: (518) 244-2020 or via email at [finaid@sage.edu](mailto:finaid@sage.edu)

The decision of the Financial Aid Office is final and cannot be appealed to the U.S. Department of Education.

Transfer students who were approved at another college must provide documentation to the Financial Aid Office at Russell Sage College.

**Please attach documentation and return this form to:**

Russell Sage College  
Financial Aid Office  
65 First Street  
Troy, NY 12180

Russell Sage College  
Financial Aid Office  
140 New Scotland Avenue  
Albany, NY 12208

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**Student Signature**

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**Date**