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Vincennes University Request for Documentation 2020-2021
Answer of Yes to FAFSA Questions 53-58 in Student Dependency Section

Please mark the blank for the question that applies to your circumstances and read what we require.

Homeless means lacking fixed, regular and adequate housing, which includes living in shelters, motels or cars, or temporarily living with other people because you have nowhere else to go. Also, if you are living in any of these situations and fleeing an abusive parent, you may be considered homeless even if your parent would provide support and a place to live.

Unaccompanied means you are not living in the physical custody of your parent or guardian.

Youth means you are 21 years of age or younger or you are still enrolled in high school as of the day you signed the FAFSA.

_____ **Question 53.** At any time since you turned age 13, were both your parents (biological or adoptive) deceased, were you in foster care, or were you a dependent or ward of the court?

- If you answered *Yes* because both parents were deceased, please provide copies of death certificates or documentation from the county department of child services.
- If you answered *Yes* because you were in foster care, please provide a copy of the court documentation or a letter from your county's department of child services.
- If you answered *Yes* because you were a dependent or ward of the court, please provide a copy of the court documentation or a letter from your county's department of child services.

_____ **Question 54.** Are you or were you, immediately before you reached the age of 18, an emancipated minor as determined by a court in your state of residence? Answer *No* if the court decision was not in effect at the time you became an adult.

- Please provide a copy of the court document. (If your state of residence has an age for legal adulthood higher than 18, please also submit proof of that.)

_____ **Question 55.** Are you or were you in legal guardianship, immediately before you reached the age of 18, as determined by a court in your state of residence? (In Indiana this includes *third party custody*.) Answer *No* if the court decision was not in effect at the time you became an adult.

- Please provide a copy of the court document. (If your state of residence has an age for legal adulthood higher than 18, please also submit proof of that.)

_____ **Question 56.** 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?

- Please provide on school letterhead a letter signed by a school counselor, assistant principal, or principal that describes their understanding of your situation. The person who composes and signs the letter should include his or her contact information.

_____ **Question 57.** 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 determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless?

- Please provide on the shelter's or housing program's letterhead a signed copy of the director's determination. The director should include his or her contact information.

_____ **Question 58.** 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?

- Please provide a signed copy of the director's determination. The director should include his or her contact information.

What to do if you cannot provide the necessary documentation:

- If you realize you need to change the answer for any of these questions on your 2020-2021 FAFSA from *Yes* to *No*, please go to <https://fafsa.ed.gov>. Click on the link to make corrections. Make and save the appropriate changes, add the necessary parent information, then submit and sign the FAFSA. In this case a parent must sign the FAFSA corrections too.

OR

- If you realize you cannot provide what we need, but you still believe you should count as an independent student, please go to <http://www.vinu.edu/web/financial-services/financial-aid>. Click on *Other FAFSA Related Forms*, then under *2020-2021 Forms*, print form *Dependency Change Request*. This form is also available in our office. Complete and return it with relevant documentation to Student Financial Services, 1002 N. First St., Vincennes, IN 47591 or fax to 812-888-4261.