



**PROVISIONALLY
INDEPENDENT STATUS
2025-2026**

Financial Aid Office
1964 Prairie Dell Road, Union, MO 63084
Phone: 636-584-6588 Email: financialaid@eastcentral.edu

You indicated on the 2025-2026 FAFSA that you have unusual circumstances that prevent you from contacting your parents OR you have marked that you are unaccompanied and homeless, or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless, but do not have an official designation of homelessness from a designated agency.

As a result, you were granted provisional independent status. You must now clarify and document your unusual circumstances for a final determination of your dependency status for federal financial aid. We cannot offer you any financial aid until your status is confirmed.

Student Name _____ **Student ID #** _____
Date of Birth ____/____/____ **Phone Number** _____-_____-_____

Check one of the boxes below that is appropriate to your situation and submit the required documentation.

Dependency Override: I have a unique situation (abusive or unsafe family environment, parental abandonment or estrangement, incarceration of both parents, etc.) that prevents me from contacting my parents, or would pose a risk to me by contacting my parents. Include:

1. Personal statement explaining your circumstances. Provide as much detail as possible describing your separation from your parents.
2. Signed and dated letter on official letterhead from at least one adult professional who can attest to your situation. This may include a school official, counselor, social worker, case manager, teacher, clergy, lawyer, judge, or physician.
3. Relevant supporting documentation you would like to submit to support your request, such as police reports, court orders, records of court proceedings, death certificates, etc.

Unaccompanied Youth/Homeless: I am an unaccompanied youth who is homeless or self-supporting and at risk of becoming homeless but I do not have an official designation. Include:

1. Personal statement explaining your circumstances. Provide as much detail as possible regarding your current situation, challenges and impact. The financial aid office may then reach out to you to schedule a documented interview.

None of the Above: Neither situation applies to me and I answered the question incorrectly. I will correct my FAFSA at studentaid.gov and provide parental information.

You will be sent a final determination of your dependency status to your ECC email within 30 days of the submission of this form and all requested documentation. Requests with incomplete documentation will not be considered.



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Personal Statement:

Provide a detailed explanation of your circumstances below.

By signing this form, I certify that the information reported is complete and correct. I understand that providing false or misleading information or documents can result in a fine, jail sentence, or both.

Student Signature

Date

If your request is approved, our office will make an update to your FAFSA and notify you of the results via your ECC email. Once an initial approval is made, it will carry forward to subsequent years at East Central College; however, if your situation changes, you must notify the Financial Aid Office.