



Boston University Financial Assistance

Federal and State Financial Aid Dependency Status

Boston University administers federal and state financial aid programs. The regulations governing these programs stipulate that student applicants are required to provide parent information on their FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), unless they meet specific federal dependency status criteria.

Information you provided on your FAFSA suggests that you may meet this criteria. However, that information must be verified. Please complete this [Verification of Student Dependency Status](#) form and provide the specified documentation for **at least one** of the conditions listed. We will continue processing your financial aid application once we have received the documentation required to verify your dependency status.

If you cannot verify that you meet at least one of the dependency statuses on this form, or believe you made an error when completing the FAFSA, you must correct your FAFSA by changing your response to one or more of the dependency questions. You must also provide parent information on the FAFSA. Corrections may be made by going to fafsa.gov or by calling **1-800-4-FEDAID**.

PLEASE NOTE: Even if you meet the federal/state dependency status criteria and provide the required documentation, parent information will still be required on the CSS PROFILE if you want to be considered for BU need-based scholarships.

If you can document **extenuating circumstances** that make it impossible to provide parent information on the FAFSA and/or the CSS PROFILE, request a [Parent Information Requirement Waiver](#) form at bu.edu/finaid/special/parent_info.html or contact BU Financial Assistance at finaid@bu.edu or 617-353-2965.

Submit the form and documentation to: *BU Financial Assistance
881 Commonwealth Avenue
Fifth Floor
Boston Massachusetts 02215*

*Call: 617-353-2965
Fax: 617-358-2792
Website: bu.edu/finaid
Email: finaid@bu.edu*

2012/2013 Verification of Student Dependency Status Form

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BU I.D # _____ Student's Last Name _____ Student's First Name _____ M. I. _____

Select **at least one** of the following conditions and attach the required documentation to this form, if applicable.

1. _____ I was born before January 1, 1989. My birth date is ____ / ____ / _____. If Boston University records confirm your birth date, no further documentation is required.
2. _____ I am a Graduate/Professional student. No further documentation is required.
3. _____ I am married. **Attach a copy of your marriage certificate or your joint 2011 tax return.**
4. _____ I have a legal dependent other than a spouse. **Attach a copy of your 2011 tax return (if dependent claimed) or a statement from an attorney or other third party confirming that you have a legal dependent.**
5. _____ I am currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training. **Attach a copy of your recent military orders, such as: Permanent Change of Station (PCS) or Temporary Duty (TDY) orders to confirm your federal active duty status.**
6. _____ I am a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces and received an honorable discharge. **Attach a copy of your DD214 form.**
7. _____ I am an emancipated minor as determined by a court in my legal state of residence. **Attach copy of court documentation.**
8. _____ I am in legal guardianship as determined by a court in my legal state of residence. **Attach copy of court documentation.**
9. _____ **I am/was an unaccompanied homeless youth at any time on or after July 1, 2011** as determined by my high school or school district homeless liaison, or by the director of an emergency shelter program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. **Attach appropriate supporting documentation confirming your status.**
10. _____ **I am self-supporting and at risk of being homeless** as determined by the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program. **Attach appropriate supporting documentation confirming your status.**

When I was age 13 or older:

11. _____ both of my parents were deceased. **Attach copies of death certificates.**
12. _____ I was in foster care. **Attach court document or a statement from an attorney, guidance counselor, etc. confirming your status.**
13. _____ I was a dependent/ward of the court. **Attach court document or a statement from an attorney, guidance counselor, etc. confirming your status.**

I do not meet any of these dependency statuses:

14. _____ I have updated my FAFSA by changing my answer(s) to the dependency questions and including my parent information. I have signed the FAFSA with my parent's signature (PIN).

Signature

Date