

Office of Financial Aid

2025-2026 Provisional Independent Status

Dependency Override Request due to Other Circumstances: Unaccompanied Youth

Student Legal Name (First & Last)	Lewis & Clark ID	Student Email Address
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Your FAFSA reflects ‘Provisional Independent’ status because you indicated that on or after July 1, 2024 you were an unaccompanied student who was homeless or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless. We must collect information to make a final determination of your dependency status and aid eligibility.

For FAFSA purposes, a student may be considered homeless or unaccompanied under the following circumstances:

- ✓ **Homeless** - means lacking fixed, regular, and adequate housing. You may be homeless if you are living in shelters, parks, motels, hotels, public spaces, camping grounds, cars, abandoned buildings, 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 otherwise provide a place to live.
- ✓ **Unaccompanied** - means you are not living in the physical custody of your parent or guardian.

Required Documentation: Check ONE option below and follow the corresponding instructions. After the required documentation is received, it may take up to 30 days to make a final determination regarding your FAFSA dependency status.

OPTION 1

Attached is the letter of determination I received from one of the following organizations and/or persons who determined me to be homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

- A director or designee of an emergency or transitional shelter, street outreach program, homeless youth drop-in center, or other program serving those who are experiencing homelessness,
- My high school or school district homeless liaison or designee,
- A director or designee of a project supported by a federal TRIO or GEAR UP program grant,
- A Financial Aid Administrator (FAA) at another institution of higher education.

OPTION 2

I do not have a letter of determination. I request an interview with a Lewis & Clark Financial Aid Administrator (FAA) for the purpose of making a final determination about my FAFSA dependency status.

- If you select this option – A Financial Aid Administrator from Lewis & Clark will contact you through email to arrange an appointment day/time. (Note: Most appointments can be accommodated via Zoom).
- The interview takes approximately 20 minutes during which time we discuss the FAFSA definitions of ‘homeless’ and ‘unaccompanied’ to determine your dependency status.

OPTION 3

I do not meet the FAFSA definitions for homeless or unaccompanied, and will instead go back to the FAFSA and make corrections and provide parent information.

By signing this form, I certify that all the information reported is complete and correct. I understand that if I purposely give false or misleading information, I may be fined, sent to prison, or both.

Student Signature

Date

- **INCOMING Students:** Upload completed, signed/dated form to our secured [LC Portal](#)
- **CONTINUING Students:** Upload completed, signed/dated form to our secured [FA Document Portal](#)