



WHITMAN COLLEGE™

Provisional Independent Status Clarification Form

On the 2025-2026 FAFSA, you indicated you have unusual circumstances. As a result, you were granted provisional independent status, which allowed you to complete the FAFSA without providing parental information. The law states that we must gather some additional information from you to document your unusual circumstance for a final determination of your dependency status. Please complete the form below and submit it to the Office of Financial Aid Services as soon as possible.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Name: _____ Whitman ID Number: _____

Student Date of Birth: _____ Phone: _____

Home Address: _____ City, State and Zip: _____

Unusual circumstances are defined as circumstances in which a student is unable to contact their parent(s) or where contact with parent(s) poses a risk to the student. These include, but are not limited to: parental abandonment or estrangement, abuse, neglect, human trafficking, legally granted refugee or asylum status, student or parent incarceration, being an unaccompanied homeless youth. Unusual circumstances do not include: a student being financially self-sufficient, parent(s) no longer claiming the student on their tax return, parent(s) refusing to or being unable to pay for the student's education, parent(s) refusing to provide information on the FAFSA.

Please use the space below to provide additional information regarding your unusual circumstances, including information about your relationship with your biological or adoptive parent(s). If you need more space, please attach a separate page.

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

In order to make a final determination of your dependency status and document your unusual circumstances, please provide a separate letter from an independent third-party (ex. counselor, clergy, medical professional, government agency, teacher, etc.) who can attest to your unusual circumstances. This letter should be from someone who is unrelated to you but aware of your situation. The individual writing this letter should include information about their relationship to you and how long they have been aware of your situation.

If you are unable to provide a letter from an independent third-party, but can provide documentation such as a police report, documentation of incarceration, court order, etc. please submit that information to our office.

If you are unable to provide the documentation listed above, please provide additional information about why you are unable to do so below. In this case, you may submit a signed letter from another source, such as a family member.

CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

I certify that the information provided on this form and any subsequent supporting documentation is true and correct.

Student Name

Student Signature

Date

Use one of the following methods to return this form and any supporting documentation	To protect your data, we do not accept documents via email attachment
Online upload using College Board's Institutional Documentation Service (IDOC)	https://pages.collegeboard.org/idoc
Online upload using Whitman's ShareFile Secure File Transfer	https://sharefile.whitman.edu/filedrop/finaid