ETOWN
ELIZABETHTOWN COLLEGE

Financial Aid

2027-2028 DEPENDENCY VERIFICATION

Please submit the required documentation if you answered yes to any of the following scenarios on the 2027-2028 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
If you indicated "Yes" to any of these statement(s) in error, please correct the information and resubmit the FAFSA application online at www.studentaid.gov and invite your contributor to complete their section of the FAFSA.
Contact The Office of Financial Aid at (717) 361-1404 or email finaid@etown.edu if you have any questions.

Name: _____ **Student ID#:** _____ **Date**: _____

- ○ As of today, you are married.
  Document Required: A copy of marriage certificate.
- ○ You are currently serving on active duty in the US Armed Forces, National Guard or Reserves enlistee for purposes other than state or training purposes. See definition 38 U.S.C. 101(21)-(23).
  Document Required: Proof of active-duty service.
- ○ You are a veteran of the US Armed Forces, who was engaged in active duty and your release was not dishonorable or you are currently serving on active duty other than training purposes. You are a member of the National Guard or Reserves who was called up to active Federal duty by presidential order for a purpose other than training. See definition 38 U.S.C. 101(21)-(23). **Document Required**: DD214
- ○ You have children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2027 – June 30, 2028.
  Documents Required: Child's birth certificate and proof of support.
- ○ You have dependents (other than children or spouse) who live with you and receive more than half of their support from you now through June 30, 2028.
  Documents Required: Name, age, relationship of dependents, 2025 IRS Transcript, and proof of support.
- ○ Since I turned age 13, both of my parents were deceased.
  Document Required: A copy of each parent's death certificate.
- ○ Since I turned age 13, I was in foster care.
  Documents Required: A court order or official State documentation that the student received Federal or State support in foster care; a documented written statement from an attorney, guardian ad litem, or Court Appointed Special Advocate; verification of the student's eligibility for an education and training voucher under the John H. Chafee Foster Care Program.
- ○ Since I turned age 13, I was a dependent/ ward of the court.
  Document Required: Copy of court's decision indicating you were a dependent/ward of the court and identifying the time period of this status.
- ○ I am/was an emancipated minor.
  Document Required: Copy of a court's decision in your state of residence that indicates that as of today you are, or were upon reaching the age of majority, an emancipated minor.
- ○ I am/was in a legal guardianship. *Please Note: This status is not applicable if the court decision was not in effect at the time you reached age 18 or you are still a minor and the court decision is no longer in effect.*
  Document Required: A copy of a court's decision that indicated you are/were in legal guardianship and the time period of this status. This is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction in your state of legal residence.
- ○ On or after July 1, 2026, and while I was under the age of 22, a director of a runaway or homeless youth center or transitional living program determined that I was homeless or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless.
  Document Required: A statement (on the agency's letterhead) from the director or their designee of transitional shelter, street outreach program, homeless youth drop-in center, or other program serving individuals who are experiencing homelessness.
- ○ On or after July 1, 2026 and while I was under the age of 22, my high school or school district homeless liaison, a director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, determined that I was an unaccompanied youth who was homeless.
  Document Required: A statement (on the agency's letterhead) from a local educational agency homeless liaison or their designee, as designated by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act; the director of an emergency or transitional shelter or their designee, the director or their designee of a Federal TRIO program or a Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate program (GEAR UP) grant.
- ○ I have unusual circumstances that prevent me from contacting my parents or by contacting my parents it would pose a risk to myself. ***Please Note: Returning students who obtained an adjustment and approval for unusual circumstances to be independent in the previous academic year will not be required to submit documents or confirm dependency status again unless their circumstances have changed or the institution has conflicting information about the student's independence.***
  Document Required: 2027-2028 Professional Judgement Form