



**INDEPENDENT STUDENT DOCUMENTATION FORM 2009-2010**

On your 2009-2010 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) you indicated that you are an independent student based on one or more of the criteria below. Before a financial aid award can be made, you must verify your self-supporting status by providing documentation for ONE of the following:

*Check (✓) the box next to the category that applies to you and for which you are verifying your status:*

- If you will be enrolled in a graduate program (Master’s, Specialist or Doctoral) in 2009-2010:**  
Please indicate which term: Fall 2009\_\_\_\_\_ Spring 2010 \_\_\_\_\_ Summer 2010\_\_\_\_\_
- If you are a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces:**  
Please document your veteran status by providing a copy of your DD214. (A DD214 indicating a “Dishonorable Discharge” is not acceptable.)
- If you are currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces or are National Guard or Reserve enlistee who is on active duty for other than state or training purposes:** Please provide your orders which state the reason and dates of your active duty status.
- If you are married:**  
Please document your marital status by providing a copy of your marriage certificate. The date of marriage must be prior to the date the FAFSA was submitted. Will spouse also be a UNC student? Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_ If yes, please provide your spouse’s name and student Bear ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_
- If you have children who receive more than half their support from you:**  
Please attach a copy of your 2008 federal tax return showing dependents claimed as exemptions. If children were not claimed, provide court documents showing your obligation and payment of child support, or cancelled checks showing support being paid. A copy of a Medicaid card is not sufficient. If you cannot demonstrate the support of a child or children, you will be required to re-file your FAFSA as a dependent student.
- If you have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and who receive more than half their support from you, now and through June 30, 2010:**  
Proof may consist of a 2008 federal tax return showing dependents claimed as exemptions.
- If at any time since you turned age 13, you were a ward of the court, in foster care or both parents were deceased:**  
Please document your status by providing legal documents showing ward of the court or foster care status, or copies of parents’ death certificates.
- If you are an emancipated minor or in legal guardianship as determined by a court in your state of legal residence:**  
Please provide court documents indicating your status as of the day you completed the FAFSA.
- If at any time on or after July 1, 2008, you were determined to be an unaccompanied youth, 21 or younger, who was homeless:** Provide a copy of the determination from one of the following: your high school or school district homeless liaison; the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program; or the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program.

Note: Additional documentation may be requested as part of the verification process.

*Complete the section below regardless of the selection above.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Bear ID Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**ATTACH DOCUMENTATION AND RETURN FORM TO:**

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