



## 2026-2027 Conflicting Dependency Verification

### Military Status

Student Name:	Student ID#:
Phone Number:	Date of Birth:

You indicated on your FAFSA that you are an Independent student by means other than age, marital status, or supporting legal dependents. Please provide documentation verifying your situation.

The following explains qualifications for being considered **Active Duty** and **Veteran**.

- Veterans and persons on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces (**the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, or Coast Guard**) for purposes other than training are independent.
- Veterans are those who were in active service and were released under a condition other than “dishonorable.”
- Members of the **National Guard** or **Reserves** are only considered veterans **if** they were called up to active federal duty [as defined in 10 U.S.C. 101(d)(1)] by presidential order for a purpose other than training.
- Students who have attended a U.S. military academy or military academy preparatory school for at least one day and were released under conditions other than “dishonorable” count as veterans for Title IV purposes.
- Students serving in ROTC or currently attending a U.S. military academy are not veterans.
- If the student is currently on active duty, he or she isn’t a veteran yet, but if his or her active duty will end by June 30, 2026, he or she counts as a veteran.

Check the applicable box and submit the appropriate documentation with this form:

☐ **On Active Duty in U.S. Armed Forces**

- The student must provide documentation from their commanding officer that shows upcoming release orders from a military branch, typically in memorandum format or letter, stating intent to release.

☐ **Veteran of U.S. Armed Forces**

- Must submit a copy of their DD214 (the Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, with “Character of Service” as anything but “dishonorable”)
- If a National Guardsman or a reservist who served on active duty (for other than training) did not receive a DD214 but can obtain a letter from a superior officer that documents the call-up to active duty and that classifies the character of service as anything but “dishonorable.”

☐ **None of the above apply me.**

- I will logon to my FAFSA to correct my application.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify that the information provided on this form and on the accompanying  
(print name)

documentation is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Furthermore, I understand that purposely providing false or misleading information may result in a fine, imprisonment, or both.

**Student’s Signature** (cannot be typed)

**Date**

<b>FAA Use Only:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Independent	Sign/Initial: _____	Date: _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Dependent:	_____	