

Student ID #	
Last Name	
First Name	
Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	
Telephone #	

Note: Use student's legal name, not nicknames (i.e. Robert- not Bobby, Bob, Robby, or Rob)

On your 2025-2026 FAFSA, you indicated that you are an emancipated minor or in legal guardianship. **Please mark the category below that pertains to your specific situation.** If you have any questions on how to complete this form or what you need to submit, contact WSC's Financial Aid office, 701-774-4248.

☐ **Emancipated Minor** (Question 5)

The student is or was a legally emancipated minor, as determined by a court of law in their state of resident. *Note: Emancipate does NOT mean you pay for your own bills and your parents do not support you.*

Date the court declared you an emancipated minor (month/year)	
PROVIDE: A copy of the court papers signed by a judge, verifying your status as an emancipated minor. If you do not have court papers, you cannot be considered independent for financial aid purposes.	

☐ **Under Legal Guardianship of Someone Other Than Parent** (Question 5)

The student is or was in a legal guardianship with someone other than their parent or stepparent, as determined by a court in their state of residence. *Note: Legal guardianship does NOT pertain to divorced parents where one has legal custody of you.*

Date the court appointed someone other than your parent as your legal guardian (month/year)	
Name of person(s) appointed as your legal guardian(s)	
Were you appointed a guardian because the court deemed you incompetent or incapable of administering your affairs?	
PROVIDE: A copy of the court papers signed by a judge, verifying that someone other than your parent was appointed as your legal guardian. If you do not have court papers, you cannot be considered independent for financial aid purposes.	

☐ **Neither category above pertains to me**

You must log in at www.FAFSA.gov and change question #5 from Yes to No. You will be required to provide parental information and both you and your parent must sign the FAFSA with your individual FSA IDs and passwords. Submit this form to our office adding a note that you updated your FAFSA so we can watch for the correction and update your financial aid award if necessary.

To ensure timely processing of your aid, we ask that you submit this completed form to the address below **within 2 weeks**. Your financial aid will not be processed until the Verification process has been completed. Be sure to check your "To Do List" on Campus Connection for any other documents that are needed to complete Verification.

I certify the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that purposely giving false or misleading information may result in fines, penalties, and/or reduction or immediate repayment of aid. I understand that the information provided on this form may affect my financial aid eligibility/award.

Student Signature _____ **Date** _____

Note: Unsigned documents will be returned. This form must be signed with a physical signature. Typed names or electronic signatures are not acceptable.

In an effort to protect your sensitive data, please DO NOT submit W-2s or tax forms by fax or general email.

Forms can be mailed to or dropped off at the following address:

Mailing address: Williston State College • Financial Aid Office • 1410 University Ave. • Williston, ND 58801

For questions: Email: wsc.financialaid@willistonstate.edu or Phone: (701) 774-4248