



Boston University Financial Assistance

Dependency Status Verification 2023/2024

Federal and State Financial Aid

Boston University administers federal and state financial aid programs. Federal regulations stipulate that student applicants provide parent information on their FAFSA to apply for federal and state aid, unless they meet specific federal dependency status criteria. Information you provided on your FAFSA suggests that you may meet this criteria. However, that information must be verified.

- Please complete this Financial Aid Dependency Status Verification form and provide the specified documentation for **at least one** of the conditions listed. We will continue processing your financial aid application once we have received the documentation required to verify your dependency status.
- If you cannot verify that you meet at least one of the dependency statuses on this form, or believe you made an error when completing the FAFSA, you must correct your FAFSA by changing your response to one or more of the dependency questions. Also, you must provide parent information on the FAFSA. Corrections may be made by going to fafsa.gov or by calling **1-800-4-FEDAID**.
- If you have a documentable extenuating circumstance other than one of the 13 conditions listed on the attached form, and that circumstance makes it impossible to provide parent information on the **FAFSA**, download, complete and submit a Parent Information Waiver Request form at bu.edu/finaid/forms-calculators/forms/application-forms or contact BU Financial Assistance at finaid@bu.edu or 617-353-2965.

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Parent information will still be required on the CSS Profile™ if you want to be considered for BU need-based scholarship aid, even if – ultimately – you are not required to provide it on the FAFSA.

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Complete and submit this form via **MyBU portal**, or if you are a returning student to:

Boston University Financial Assistance
881 Commonwealth Avenue, Fifth Floor
Boston, MA 02215 – Fax: 617-358-2792

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U _____
BU I.D # _____ Student's Last Name _____ Student's First Name _____ M. I. _____

Certification: I certify that the information above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. Date _____

Select **at least one** of the following conditions (**conditions 1-16**) and attach the required documentation to this form, if applicable.

1. _____ I was born before January 1, 2000. My birth date is _____. If Boston University records confirm your birth date, no further documentation is required.
2. _____ I am a Graduate/Professional student. No further documentation is required.
3. _____ I am married. **Attach a copy of your marriage certificate.**
4. _____ I have a legal dependent other than a spouse. **Attach a signed statement attesting to your financial support of a child/children or legal dependent.** Note: support is defined as providing more than 50% of support for the whole year.
5. _____ I am currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training. **Attach a copy of your recent military orders, such as: Permanent Change of Station (PCS) or Temporary Duty (TDY) orders to confirm your federal active duty status.**
6. _____ I am a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces and received an honorable discharge. **Attach a copy of your DD214 form.**
7. _____ I am an emancipated minor as determined by a court in my legal state of residence. **Attach copy of court documentation.**
8. _____ I am in legal guardianship as determined by a court in my legal state of residence. **Attach copy of court documentation.**
9. _____ **I am/was an unaccompanied homeless youth at any time on or after July 1, 2020** as determined by my high school or school district homeless liaison, or by the director of an emergency shelter program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. **Attach appropriate supporting documentation confirming your status.**
10. _____ **I am self-supporting and at risk of being homeless** as determined by the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program. **Attach appropriate supporting documentation confirming your status.**
11. _____ **I am self-supporting and at risk of being homeless** and cannot provide confirmation of my status. **I have provided details of my circumstances below and am requesting determination of my status as a student who is homeless or at risk of homelessness by BU Financial Assistance.**

When I was age 13 or older:

12. _____ both of my parents were deceased. **Attach copies of death certificates.**
13. _____ I was in foster care. **Attach court document or a statement from an attorney, guidance counselor, etc. confirming your status.**
14. _____ I was a dependent/ward of the court. **Attach court document or a statement from an attorney, guidance counselor, etc. confirming your status.**

I do not meet any of these dependency statuses:

15.____ I have updated my FAFSA by changing my answer(s) to the dependency questions and including my parent information. My parent's signature (FSA ID) was provided on my FAFSA.

16.____ I misreported information on my Profile™ and do not meet any of the above dependency status criteria.

Request for BU Financial Assistance to consider you homeless or at risk of being homelessness for federal financial aid eligibility

BU Financial Assistance can decide that you meet both of the following conditions necessary to be considered homeless, and therefore, do not need to provide parental information for federal financial assistance applications:

- **You are homeless**, or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless. Homeless means you are lacking fixed, regular, and adequate housing, which includes living in shelters, parks, motels, hotels, public spaces, camping grounds, cars, and abandoned buildings, or if you're temporarily living with other people because you have nowhere else to go. If you're living in any of these situations and fleeing an abusive parent, we may consider you homeless even if your parent would otherwise provide you a place to live.
- **You are unaccompanied** which means you're not living in the physical custody of your parent(s) or guardian(s).

If you believe that you meet these conditions, please explain below.

Circumstances related to being at risk of or experiencing homelessness – *additional documentation may be requested*