



# LEGAL DEPENDENT VERIFICATION 2026-2027

You reported on the FAFSA that you are independent by having a dependent who will receive more than half of their support from you during the 2026-2027 academic year. Note: Submitting this form does not automatically make you an independent student. Your documentation will be reviewed by the Financial Aid Appeals Committee for a final decision.

## A. STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Name	LU Student ID#	Cell Phone #	LU Email
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## B. DEPENDENT INFORMATION

Please check one of the following:

- I have a child who will receive more than half of their support from me between July 1, 2026 and June 30, 2027.
- I have a dependent (other than a child or spouse) who will receive more than half of their support from me between July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

Complete the chart below for those that will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027

NAME OF DEPENDENT	RELATIONSHIP	DATE OF BIRTH	WILL THIS PERSON LIVE WITH YOU?
			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

Please complete all questions below, the form will not be accepted if not completed in its entirety.

1. Did you claim the dependent(s) on your 2024 Federal Tax Return?  YES  NO

If no, who claimed the dependent? \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to dependent? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Did/Will you claim the dependent(s) on your 2025 Federal Tax Return?  YES  NO

If no, who claimed (or will claim) the dependent? \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to dependent? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Where do you currently live?  ON-CAMPUS  OFF-CAMPUS  WITH PARENTS

4. Are you currently employed?  YES  NO

If no, explain how you support the dependent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

5. How much did you earn (annually) in 2024? \_\_\_\_\_ In 2025? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Expected earnings for 2026? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Did you receive child support for the dependent(s) in 2025?  YES  NO

If yes, how much for the year? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Did you pay child support for the dependent(s) in 2025?  YES  NO

If yes, how much for the year? \_\_\_\_\_

**C. 2025 EXPENSES**

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Report your monthly expenses for **the 2025 year** and how they were paid. In column you should list:

1. Name of Person and Relationship to you of person who paid the expense or provided the item for you **OR**
2. Name of the Agency who paid the expense or provided the item for you **OR**
3. Self if you paid the expense without outside assistance

EXPENSE TYPE	MONTHLY AMT.	WHO PAID THE EXPENSE
HOUSING	\$	
UTILITIES	\$	
FOOD	\$	
CLOTHING	\$	
TRANSPORTATION	\$	
MEDICAL	\$	
PERSONAL	\$	
CHILD CARE	\$	
<b>TOTAL:</b>	\$	

**D. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

Submit the following documents, if applicable. These are suggested items that may help us make a determination regarding your dependency status. We reserve the right to ask for additional documentation verifying support.

- Legal court documents
- Health Insurance Card in your name for the dependent(s)
- Documentation of housing (lease/utility bill/etc.) showing dependent(s) in household
- Occupancy permit including dependent(s)
- Day care provider information and documentation of payments made by you for the dependent(s)
- Documentation of TANF/WIC/SNAP or other federally subsidized programs in your name for the dependent(s)
- Documentation of child support received/paid

**PLEASE BE ADVISED:** If the student is receiving support to raise his/her child, is the child still considered a legal dependent? If one or both of the student's parents are directly or indirectly providing more than 50% support in cash or other assistance to the child, then the student would answer "No" to the FAFSA question about legal dependents. "Indirect support" to the child includes support that a parent gives to the student on behalf of the child. If the student is living with a parent who is paying for most of the household expenses, the parent would usually be considered the primary source of support to the child, and the student would answer "No" to the question about legal dependents. However, there may be some cases where the student can demonstrate that she provides more than half of her child's support even while living at home, in which case she would answer "Yes" to the question about legal dependents.

**E. STUDENT SIGNATURE & CERTIFICATIONS**

Please select one of the following:

- I **DO** provide at least 51% of support for the dependent(s) listed on this form and have attached documentation of support
- I **DO NOT** provide at least 51% of support for the dependent(s) listed on this form and have attached documentation of support. I understand that I must visit [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov) and update my 2026-2027 FAFSA to include my parent(s) biographical and financial information.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit this form in person, or by mail, fax or email  
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