2015-2016 Dependency Status
Return form to: Office of Financial Aid
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Last Name: ______________________ First Name: ______________________ MI: ___ Person Number: __________

The following form will help you and the Office of Financial Aid determine your status as either a dependent or independent student. Please indicate the item below that applies to you and submit the required documentation. List your UB Person Number at the top of all submitted documents.

You are required to complete this form because you indicated "YES" to one or more of the following questions on your FAFSA. Select the applicable box and submit the required documentation. If none apply to you, you must correct the question on your FAFSA, as referenced below in the applicable item.

☐ 1. I am currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, or National Guard or Reserves enlistee, on active duty for other than state or training purposes

Required Documentation:
Submit a copy of your official active duty military orders.

If you are not on active duty OR you are a National Guard or Reserve enlistee who is on active duty for state or training purposes, go to fafsa.ed.gov to make the necessary corrections. Refer to FAFSA question #49.

☐ 2. I have or will have a child who receives more than half of their support from me (and if married, my spouse)

Required Documentation:
Submit a copy of your child/children's official birth certificate(s). You must also attach a letter explaining and detailing the support provided.

If you do not have documented proof of your dependent(s), go to fafsa.ed.gov to make the necessary corrections. Refer to FAFSA question #51.

☐ 3. I currently have dependents (other than my children or spouse) who live with me and who receive more than half of their support from me, now and through June 30, 2016.

Required Documentation:
Submit documents to substantiate your claim of support for these individuals. Examples of acceptable documentation include a copy of your Federal Tax Return Transcript claiming these individuals as dependents, any official legal/court documentation, or other documentation pertinent to providing your claim.

If you do not have documented proof of your dependent(s), go to fafsa.ed.gov to make the necessary corrections. Refer to FAFSA question #52.
4. When I was age 13 or older, both of my parents were deceased, or I was in foster care, or a dependent/orphan/ward of the court.

**Required Documentation:**
Submit a copy of both parents' official death certificates. Explain where you lived and how you supported yourself following your parents' deaths. Attach a copy of the official court order, stating your official dependent/orphan/ward of the court status.

If you do not have documented proof of your parents' death, or dependent/orphan/ward of the court status, go to [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov) to make the necessary corrections. Refer to FAFSA question #53.

5. I am currently an emancipated minor as determined by a court in my state of legal residence.

**Required Documentation:**
Submit a copy of the court document stating your official emancipated minor status.

**NOTE:** In New York State, there is no Emancipation Statue or court proceeding in which an Order of Emancipation can be obtained.

If you do not have emancipated minor status, go to [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov) to make the necessary corrections. Refer to FAFSA question #54.

6. I am currently/was in legal guardianship as determined by a court in my state of legal residence before I became an adult.

**Required Documentation:**
Submit a copy of the official court document stating your legal guardianship status.

If you do not have legal guardianship status, go to [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov) to make the necessary corrections. Refer to FAFSA question #55.

**Certification and Signature**
I certify that all information provided in this document is true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I further understand that any false statement or misrepresentation will be cause for denial, reduction, withdrawal, and/or repayment of financial aid. I authorize the University at Buffalo to make any change(s) necessary as a result of the updated information that I have provided. By signing this form, I certify that I have read and agree to the financial aid terms and conditions outlined in the Step-by-Step Guide ([http://www.financialaid.buffalo.edu/pdfs/StepByStep.pdf](http://www.financialaid.buffalo.edu/pdfs/StepByStep.pdf))

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Student Signature                              Date