



Rhode Island School of Design
2026 - 2027 Verification of Independent Status
Student Financial Services

Student Name: _____ RISD ID: _____

When you completed the 2026 – 2027 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), you answered “Yes” to one of the questions below. Please check the appropriate box that applies to you and submit the required documentation. **Documentation must be submitted by June 1, 2026 to avoid disruption to your financial aid offer.**

Please check	FAFSA Question	Required Documentation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. armed forces for purposes other than training? Or Are you a veteran of the U.S. armed forces?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A copy of your DD Form 214.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you have children or other people who live with you, and for whom you provide more than half of their support now, and will, between July 1, 2026 and June 30, 2027?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A copy of your 2024 tax return claiming your child, or other people, as dependents.
<input type="checkbox"/>	At any time since you turned age 13, were you an orphan (no living biological or adoptive parent), were you in foster care, or were you a dependent or ward of the court?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Death certificates of deceased parents • Court documentation showing that you were a ward of the court and when.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Are you or were you an emancipated minor as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Court document from your state of legal residence where you were emancipated.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Are you or were you in a legal guardianship with someone other than your parent or stepparent, as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Court document from your state of legal residence where you were placed under the legal guardianship of another person.
<input type="checkbox"/>	At any time on or after July 1, 2025, were you unaccompanied and either (1) homeless or (2) self-supporting and at the risk of being homeless?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Document on letterhead stationary from the director of the runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program verifying this status.
<input type="checkbox"/>	None of the above.	I have submitted a correction to my FAFSA on StudentAid.gov

 Student's Signature

 Date