



2026–2027 FAFSA Unusual Circumstances / Provisional Students

Required Documents Checklist

Before You Submit Your Request

- ☒ Complete the **2026–2027 FAFSA** at **studentaid.gov**
 - ☒ Select the unusual circumstance that applies to your situation
 - ☒ Submit all required documentation through **ProVerifier+ Student Portal**
 - ☐ Do **not** email your documents
 - ☒ All third-party letters must:
 - Be on official company/organization letterhead
 - Include a signature
 - Include a date
- ⚠ Incomplete documents will be rejected until **ALL** required documents are received.
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Human Trafficking

Submit **ONE** signed and dated statement on official letterhead from:

- Attorney
 - Guardian ad litem / court-appointed advocate
 - TRIO or GEAR UP representative
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Refugee / Asylum Status

Submit:

- Documentation of refugee or asylum status
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Parental Abandonment

Submit **ONE** signed statement on official letterhead from:

- Attorney
 - Guardian ad litem / court-appointed advocate
 - TRIO or GEAR UP representative
 - College/university financial aid officer
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Parent Incarceration

Submit:

- Court order
- OR**
- Official federal/state incarceration documentation
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Unable to Contact Parent(s)

Submit **ONE** of the following:

- Statement from homeless liaison (McKinney-Vento Act)
 - Statement from shelter/director/outreach program
 - Statement from pastor or clergy member
 - Court documents or police reports
 - Statement from attorney
 - Statement from guardian ad litem / court-appointed advocate
 - Statement from TRIO or GEAR UP representative
 - Statement from college/university financial aid officer
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Contact with Parent(s) Poses Risk

Submit **ONE** of the following:

- Statement from homeless liaison (McKinney-Vento Act)
 - Statement from shelter/director/outreach program
 - Statement from pastor or clergy member
 - Court documents or police reports
 - Statement from attorney
 - Statement from guardian ad litem / court-appointed advocate
 - Statement from TRIO or GEAR UP representative
 - Statement from college/university financial aid officer
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Unaccompanied Youth at Risk of Homelessness

Submit **ONE** signed statement on official letterhead from:

- Homeless liaison (McKinney-Vento Act)



- Shelter/director/outreach program
 - Pastor or clergy member
 - Attorney
 - Guardian ad litem / court-appointed advocate
 - TRIO or GEAR UP representative
 - College/university financial aid officer
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Unaccompanied Youth and Homelessness

Submit **ONE** signed statement on official letterhead from:

- Homeless liaison (McKinney-Vento Act)
- Shelter/director/outreach program
- TRIO or GEAR UP representative
- College/university financial aid officer

All Unusual Circumstances/Provisional Students must submit a signed and dated personal statement explaining:

- Their unusual circumstance,
- When it began,
- Their current situation, and
- How they currently support themselves and plan to continue supporting themselves for the next 12 months.