



A student is independent if they:

Will be 24 by January 1st of award year

Are married

Are working on a master's or doctorate

Serve in the U.S. armed forces or are a veteran

Since age 13 – had no living parent, were in foster care, or were a ward of the court

Are an emancipated minor

Have a court-ordered legal guardian

Have children or dependents who live with them and receive more than half their support from them

Are an unaccompanied youth who is homeless