

Provisional Independent Status Clarification Form

On the 2025-2026 FAFSA, you indicated you have unusual circumstances. As a result, you were granted provisional independent status on the FAFSA. If you made a mistake, please log in to StudentAid.gov and add your parent(s) to the FAFSA. If you intended to answer the question this way, you must now clarify and document your unusual circumstance for a final determination of your dependency status for federal financial aid. A student may be experiencing unusual circumstances if they are a victim of human trafficking, have refugee or asylee status and are separated from their parents, have parent(s) who are incarcerated, or have left their home due to an abusive or threatening environment.

Student Information

Student ID Number	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Street Address	City	State	Zip
Home Phone	Cell Phone		

Describe in the lines below your unusual circumstance. Please attach supporting documentation as appropriate.

Student Name	Student Signature	Date
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Return Completed Document To:

Office of Student Financial Services
 Brandeis University
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 Waltham, MA 02453