CERTIFICATION OF INDEPENDENCE

INSTRUCTIONS: You have been classified as an independent student because of your responses on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). You are required to document your independent status before any financial aid can be disbursed.

SECTION A: STUDENT INFORMATION
Name: ____________________________________________ Student ID# (required): _________________________
E-mail: _____________________________________________ Telephone Number: ____________________________
Mailing Address: _____________________________________ City, State, Zip: ________________________________

SECTION B: STUDENT INDEPENDENCE DOCUMENTATION
Check all that apply and provide documentation for one of the options checked. Refer to the back for more information on the type of documents you must submit to verify your independent status.

☐ I am married.

☐ I am a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces or will be a veteran by June 30, 2017.

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

☐ I have dependent children and/or I am currently pregnant.

☐ I have dependents (other than children or spouse) who live with me and for whom I provide more than half of their support and will continue to do so through June 30, 2017.

☐ When I was age 13 or older, both of my parents were deceased, I was in foster care, or I was a dependent/ward of the court

☐ As of the date that I filed my FAFSA, I was determined to be an emancipated minor by a court in my legal state of residence.

☐ As of the date that I filed my FAFSA, I am or was in a legal guardianship, as determined by a court in my legal state of residence.

☐ I was an unaccompanied homeless youth or, I was self-supporting and at risk of being homeless on or after July 1, 2015 as determined by:
  ☐ My high school or school district homeless liaison
  ☐ The director of an emergency shelter program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
  ☐ The director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center of transitional living program
  ☐ None of the above. If you are not independent based on the questions above, you must go to www.fafsa.gov and change the answers to questions 46-58 to "no" and provide parental information.

I certify that the above information is true and complete.

Student Signature: ____________________________________________ Date: __________________________

To expedite the processing of this form please upload via Cal Central or fax it to our Financial Aid Forms Fax: 855-895-3690

In-person drop-off: Cal Student Central, 120 Sproul Hall

Mailing address: UC Berkeley, Financial Aid and Scholarships Office, 201 Sproul Hall #1960, Berkeley, CA 94720-1960

Documentation is required for only one of the reasons in Section B to establish your independent status.

Married - Submit an official copy of your marriage certificate. Marriage Certificate must have an official signature, stamp or seal.
**Veteran** - Submit your separation papers from the U.S. Armed Services, including U.S. military academies (Form DD214) or other official documentation that indicates that you are a veteran. You are a veteran if you:

1) have engaged in active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard) or are a National Guard or Reserve enlistee who was called to active duty for other than state or training purposes, or were a cadet or midshipman at one of the service academies and,
2) were released under a condition other than dishonorable or,
3) you are not a veteran now, but will be one by June 30, 2017.

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**Active Military** - Provide documents certifying that you are currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces or that you are a National Guard or Reserves enlistee who is on active duty for other than state or training purposes.

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**Dependent Child** - Provide one of the following:

1) Birth certificate of your dependent child. If your child is not yet born, provide a letter from your doctor confirming you are pregnant and projecting the date of birth of your child.
2) Your 2015 Federal Income Tax Return with the Social Security Number of your child.
3) Evidence that your dependent child lives with you or that you provide at least half of your child's financial support.
4) Doctor's letter certifying date or month and year your child will be born.

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**Dependents Other than Spouse or Child** - Provide evidence that the dependents live with you and that you provide more than half of their support.

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**Orphan, in Foster Care or Dependent/Ward of the Court** - Provide one of the following:

1) Parents’ death certificates
2) Court documents certifying that you were in foster care.
3) Court documents certifying that you were a dependent or ward of the court

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**Emancipated Minor** - Provide court documents certifying that you were or are an emancipated minor. Court documents must show you were an emancipated minor immediately before you reach the age of being an adult in your state of residence.

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**Legal Guardianship** - Provide court documents certifying that a guardian was appointed to care for you prior to age 18. Court documents must show you were in legal guardianship immediately before you reach the age of being an adult in your state of residence.

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**Unaccompanied Homeless Youth** - Acceptable documentation:

1) Letter from your high school official
2) Letter from the school district homeless liaison
3) Letter on stationary from a counselor, director or board member of a homeless shelter. The letter must speak to specific knowledge of your case and should state the shelter's source of funding.
4) Letter from a counselor, director or board member of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program. The letter must speak to specific knowledge of your case and should state the period of time you resided at the center.