

# CARLOW UNIVERSITY

## Financial Aid Office Confirmation of Independent Status

In order to verify your status as an independent student, we are requesting that you submit applicable documentation as indicated below. **Please check the status that best represents your situation and attach the required documentation.**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Carlow ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Address (include apt. no.) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number (with area code) \_\_\_\_\_

Check applicable status	Description	Documentation required
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>You have a Child or Other Dependent</b>	You provide more than half of your child's or other dependent's support. <i>Note: Support is the issue; it does not matter if the child or other dependent lives with you. When you are unable to show that you provide at least fifty percent support then generally you will be considered dependent and will be required to provide parental information on the FAFSA.</i>	Copy of tax return/transcript that verifies your dependents <u>OR</u> if no return was filed, a copy of your W-2 form(s) and a detailed personal statement that explains how you support the child/other dependent, <u>OR</u> If no taxable income received, then a detailed personal statement that explains how you support the child/other dependents.
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>No living parent</b>	At any time since you turned 13, you had no living parent, even if you are now adopted.	Both parents' death certificates
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>In foster care</b>	At any time since you turned 13, you were in foster care, even if you are no longer in foster care today.	Legal documentation from your state of residency
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Dependent/Ward of the Court</b>	At any time since you turned 13, you were a dependent or ward of the court, even if you are no longer a dependent or ward of the court today. For federal student aid purposes, someone who is incarcerated is not considered a ward of the court.	Copy of court decision
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>In legal guardianship</b>	You are in legal guardianship as determined by a court in your state of legal residence, or were in legal guardianship immediately before you reached the age of being an adult in your state.	Copy of court decision
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Emancipated minor</b>	You are or were an emancipated minor as determined by a court in your state of legal residence.	Copy of court decision
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Homeless</b>	An unaccompanied youth who is/was homeless or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless.	Verification from a high school or school district liaison, a director of an accredited HUD homeless shelter, a director of a runaway/transitional living program or homeless youth basic shelter. <i>Continuing student may provide signed statement.</i>

### CERTIFICATION & SIGNATURE

By signing below, you certify that all of the information provided above and on attached documentation is true and accurate.

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail, fax or email this form and applicable documentation to the Financial Aid Office at Carlow University.**