2015-2016 VERIFICATION OF DEPENDENCY STATUS

The Financial Aid Office has determined that you answered YES to one or more of the following questions on your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application. Your status as an Independent student has been based solely on your response to these questions and University of the District of Columbia (UDC) requires that you confirm and/or verify your status.

If you answer NO to the dependency questions below, you must make corrections to your FAFSA and, if required, provide your parent’s information and signature on your FAFSA. For more information regarding each of these statuses, please refer to the 2015-2016 FAFSA application online at www.fafsa.gov.

- I do not meet the criteria listed below. I made an error on the FAFSA application. I am aware that if this is the only factor making me independent, I must have my parent complete the parent section of the FAFSA and sign the FAFSA in order for my application to be processed.

STUDENT INFORMATION (Please Print)

______________________________________________  N00-________________________
Student’s Last Name                  First Name                         M.I.               UDC Student ID#
______________________________________________      __________________________
Student’s Email Address                                 Daytime Phone Number

MASTER’S OR GRADUATE PROGRAM VERIFICATION

Master’s and doctorate programs are higher education programs (such as an MA, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, EdD, graduate certificate, etc.).

Yes __ ______ No __

At the beginning of the school year, will you have your bachelor’s degree?

Yes __ ______ No __

At the beginning of the school year, will you be working on a master’s or doctorate program?

Yes __ ______ No __

If you will be working on a master’s or graduate program, indicate school:______________________________
DEPENDENTS OTHER THAN YOUR CHILD/SPOUSE

These dependents are people other than your child or spouse who live with you (not your parents) who received more than half of their support from you when you filed your FAFSA and will continue to live with you and receive your support through June 30, 2016.

Do you have dependents that live with you and receive more than half of their support from you*?

   Yes   No

If yes, please complete the following:

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*Additional documentation may be required.

ACTIVE DUTY IN THE U.S. ARMED FORCES VERIFICATION

Provide a copy of your Active Duty Orders in indicating active duty service in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training.

VETERAN

Submit a copy of your DD214 form indicating release under a condition other than dishonorable for one of the following: active duty service in the U.S. Armed Forces or National Guard, Reserve enlistee called to active duty for purposes other than training, or cadet, or midshipmen at a service academy.

MARITAL STATUS VERIFICATION

Submit a copy of your marriage certificate confirming you were married at the time the FAFSA was filed.
**DECEASED PARENT VERIFICATION**

Deceased parent means that you have no living parent (biological or adoptive). You will be required to provide death certificates.

Since you turned 13, are both of your parents deceased (biological or adoptive)?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

Can you provide a court document or letter from your social worker verifying this status? (If yes, attach verification)

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

**FOSTER CARE VERIFICATION**

You may have reported on the FAFSA application that since you turned age 13, you were in foster care.

Were you in foster care at any time since you turned 13 years old?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

Can you provide a court document or letter from your social worker verifying this status? (If yes, attach verification)

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

**WARD OF THE COURT VERIFICATION**

You may have reported on the FAFSA application that since you turned age 13, you were a Dependent or Ward of the Court. You are considered a Ward of the Court if your parent(s) were unable to care for you as a minor, the state or court took legal custody of you, and you were removed from the custody of your parent(s) for your protection.

Note: For federal state aid purposes, someone who was incarcerated is not considered a Ward of the Court.

At any time since you turned age 13, were you a Dependent or Ward of the Court?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

Can you provide a court document or letter from your social worker verifying this status? (If yes, attach verification)

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No
EMANCIPATED MINOR

The court must be located in your state of legal residence at the time the court’s decision was issued. The court’s decision must still be in affect if you are still a minor or must have been in effect at the time you became an adult.

Are you or were you an emancipated minor as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?  
Yes.__  No.__

Can you provide a court document verifying this status? (If yes, attach verification)
Yes.__  No.__

LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP

The court must be located in your state of legal residence at the time of the court’s decision was issued. The court’s decision must still be in affect if you are still a minor or must have been in effect at the time you became an adult.

Are you or were you in legal guardianship as determined by a court in your state of legal guardianship?
Yes.__  No.__

Can you provide a court document verifying this status? (If yes, attach verification)
Yes.__  No.__

HOMELESS VERIFICATION

“Homeless” means lacking a fixed, regular and adequate housing, which includes living in shelters, motels or cars, or temporarily living with other people because you were unable to find adequate housing.

“Unaccompanied Minor” means you are not living in the physical custody of your parent or guardian.

“Youth” means you are 21 years of age or younger, or you are still enrolled in high school as of the day you signed the FAFSA.

Unaccompanied Youth who was homeless determined by the school
At any time on or after July 1, 2014, did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless?
Yes__ No__

**Unaccompanied Youth who was homeless determined by HUD**

At any time on or after July 1, 2014, did the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) determine that you were an accompanied youth who was homeless?

Yes__ No__

Yes__ No__

**Unaccompanied Youth who was at risk of being homeless**

At any time on or after July 1, 2014, did the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?

Yes__ No__

If you do not have a determination, but believe you are an unaccompanied youth who is homeless or are an unaccompanied youth providing for your own living expenses who is at risk of being homeless, please attach a notarized letter from a person you temporarily lived with or knows your situation.

By signing this form you certify that the information you reported is complete. If you purposely five false or misleading information on this worksheet, you may be fined, sentenced to jail or both.

______________________________  ___________________
Student’s Signature          Date