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### 2020-2021 VERIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT STATUS FORM

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Home/Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Your 2020-2021 FAFSA information indicated that you are an independent student based on your response to at least one of the criteria listed below. In order to determine your Financial Aid eligibility, the Financial Aid Office needs you to confirm your independent status.

**Please mark the independent status you listed on the FAFSA and attach the required documentation.**

*\*If you do not meet any of the criteria for independent status listed below, you will be required to correct the dependency question on your FAFSA and update it to include parental information and a parental signature.*

**NOTE:** Additional documentation may be requested for clarification.

Independent Status Eligibility Criteria	Supporting Documentation Required
I married.	Attach a copy of your marriage certificate.
I have a legal dependent other than a spouse, who will receive <b>more than 50%</b> of his/her financial support from me between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021.	Attach a copy of your 2018 Tax Return Transcript from the IRS AND other supporting documentation to confirm financial support of yourself and dependent (i.e. W-2s, lease or mortgage statement, etc.).
Both of my parents are deceased.	Attach a copy of your parent's death certificate or signed letters from family members documenting your circumstance.
I am currently, or was a ward/dependent of the court or in foster care since the age of 13.	Attach a copy of the court documentation regarding your ward/dependent of the court status.
I am or was an emancipated minor as determined by a court in my state of legal residence.	Attach a copy of the court documentation explaining that you are an emancipated minor as determined by a court in your state of legal residence.
I am or was in legal guardianship as determined in my state of legal residence.	Attach a copy of the court documentation explaining your legal guardianship as determined by a court in your state of legal residence.
After July 1, 2019, I was homeless or at risk of being homeless	Attach a letter on official letterhead from a high school district homeless liaison, the director of a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development funded homeless shelter, or the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program confirming this status.
I answered the FAFSA incorrectly and <u>none of these conditions apply to me</u> .	Update your 2020-2021 FAFSA by changing your answer(s) to the dependency questions, and include your parental information and parental signature.

All forms & documentation should be submitted to the Financial Aid Office at Catawba College, 2300 West Innes Street Salisbury, NC 28144 or Faxed to (704) 637-4252. Or to securely upload documents, log into your CatLink Account and use the **Financial Aid Document Upload** under the Financial Aid Section on the Money Tab. Due to Federal Regulations, no personally identifiable (Tax Return Transcripts and W2 information) can be scanned to email.

#### Signature

The person signing below certifies that all of the information reported is complete and correct, and that all relevant documentation is included.

**STUDENT SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**WARNING:** If you purposely give false or misleading information in an attempt to obtain federal financial aid, you may be fined up to \$20,000 and/or incarcerated.