

**PROOF OF AN EMANCIPATED MINOR OR
LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP STATUS 2026-27**



On your FAFSA your Independent student status is contingent on providing proof that you are either an emancipated minor or are in legal guardianship. Trine University requires that you submit this legal documentation to verify your situation.

To verify your status as an emancipated minor we require you to submit:

- **A copy of the court's decision that you are an emancipated minor (the court must be located in your state of legal residence)**

To verify your status of being in legal guardianship we require you submit:

- **A copy of the court's decision that you are in legal guardianship (the court must be located in your state of legal residence)**

If you think you incorrectly indicated that you are either an emancipated minor or in legal guardianship please use your FSA ID to log back into your [FAFSA](#) to submit corrections to your application. **Note:** If the FAFSA determines you are a dependent student then parental information must be added and a parent signature will be required on the FAFSA. If this is the case returning this form is not needed.

I have read the above information and verify that I am attaching to this form the documentation requested.

Signature

Date

Name (Please Print)

XXX-XX-_____
Last four digits of your Social Security Number

Return to:

**Trine University
Office of Financial Aid,
1 University Avenue, Angola, IN 46703**

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