



THE CITADEL

THE MILITARY COLLEGE
OF SOUTH CAROLINA

2025-2026 Dependency Documentation

The 2025-26 FAFSA lists you as an **independent** student. We must clarify your student status prior to processing federal financial aid. Select the status below that applies to you and provide detailed documentation. Please return all documents to our office to process your financial aid award.

Student Name _____ **CWID** _____

Veterans Status (select one)

- ☐ I am a veteran, and I have been honorably discharged from active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, was a National Guard or Reserve enlisted called to active duty for other than training purposes or attended one of the Federal service academies. (Attach a copy of your DD214.)
- ☐ I am currently on active duty. (Attach a copy of your current orders.)
- ☐ I am not a veteran now, but I will be one by June 30, 2026.

Orphan, Ward of the Court, or Foster Care Status (select and attach documentation i.e., death certificate, court documents, etc.)

At any time since I turned 13:

- ☐ Both my parents are deceased, but I am now adopted.
- ☐ I was in foster care but am no longer in foster care today.
- ☐ I was a dependent or ward of the court but am no longer either today.

Emancipated Minor or Legal Guardianship (select and attach documentation, i.e., court document, notarized statements from guidance counselor, pastor, etc.)

- ☐ I am considered an emancipated minor, as determined by a court in my state of legal residence.
- ☐ Someone other than my parent or stepparent has legal guardianship of me (as determined by a court in my state of legal residence).

Other

- ☐ I have other circumstances that prevent me from providing parental information. (Contact the financial aid office for the next steps: financial_aid@citadel.edu or 843-953-5187.)
- ☐ None of the above statements apply, and I cannot provide any documentation. **(Please update your FAFSA with contributor information.)**

Electronic signatures are not accepted.

Student's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____