

**The University of Texas at Tyler**  
**2009-2010 Academic Year**

**QUALIFICATION AS INDEPENDENT STUDENT**

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

On your 2009-2010 FAFSA, you answered "yes" to at least one of the statements listed below.

You **must attach** the acceptable documentation indicated as proof of your independent status.

1. **You are a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces.**  
**Acceptable Documentation:** A copy of you discharge papers (DD214) indicating a release condition other than dishonorable.
2. **You are currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training.**  
**Acceptable Documentation:** A complete copy of your orders for active duty.
3. **You are a graduate student.**  
**Acceptable Documentation:** Proof of acceptance **AND** enrollment in a graduate program at UT Tyler.
4. **You are an orphan or ward of the court, or you were a ward of the court until age 18.**  
**Acceptable Documentation:** A copy of the court documents or a statement from an appropriate agency, or copies of both parents' death certificates.
5. **You have legal dependents other than a spouse.**  
Legal dependent is defined as someone who lives with you and gets more than half of their support from you, and will continue to do so for the 2009-2010 academic year.  
**Acceptable documentation:** A copy of your 2008 Federal Income Tax Return listing those you claimed as exemptions, or a statement from the agency that provided you with the funds to support your dependent(s). A birth certificate will be accepted **ONLY** if the child was born in 2009.
6. **You are an unaccompanied homeless youth or at risk of being homeless.**  
(As of July 1, 2008 or after).  
**Acceptable documentation:** An official letter or notarized statement from:  
a) your high school or school district;  
b) director of an emergency shelter or housing program; or  
c) director of runaway or homeless youth center.
7. **Dependency Override.**  
Approved documentation must be **ALREADY** on file in the Financial Aid Office.

**My signature certifies that I have read AND I have attached the acceptable documentation needed to support my independent status.**

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_