

## Independent Clarification 2025-2026

Lakeland ID Number (LID)

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Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

We have completed the initial review of your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). You are being asked to verify that you meet the criteria to be considered an independent student. **Processing of your financial aid cannot be completed until this form and all required documents are submitted to Lakeland's Financial Aid Office.**

Please answer **Yes** or **No** for each of the statements below. If you answer **Yes** to any statement, please provide the requested documentation.

- At any time since you turned age 13, were both of your parents deceased, were you in foster care, or were you a dependent or ward of the court? ☐ Yes ☐ No
  - If both of your parents are deceased and you do not have adoptive parents, you must provide copies of both parents' death certificates.
  - If you were in foster care, or a dependent or a ward of the court, you must attach a copy of the entire court document or a letter from a social services agency indicating your status with applicable dates.

- As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you an Emancipated Minor? **Provide court documentation.** ☐ Yes ☐ No

- As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you in a legal guardianship? **Provide court documentation.** ☐ Yes ☐ No

Name of Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to You: \_\_\_\_\_

- Are you an unaccompanied youth? **Provide documentation from a high school homeless liaison, director of emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, or a director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program showing that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless on or after July 1, 2024.** ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you have already provided the documentation to Lakeland, please check here. ☐

### Statement of Certification:

By signing below, I certify that the information provided to document my situation above is true and complete. By signing this form, I certify that all the information reported on this form is accurate and complete as of this date. **Warning: Purposely providing false or misleading information on this form is punishable by fine and/or imprisonment.**

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Complete this form and return:\*

**By Fax:** 440.525.7704

**By Mail:** Lakeland Community College

**By [Secure Upload](https://lakelandcc.edu/financialaid):** Visit [lakelandcc.edu/financialaid](https://lakelandcc.edu/financialaid)

**In Person:** Lakeland Student Service Center

7700 Clocktower Drive

Under RelatedLINKS (right side of page), select

Financial Aid Documents Secure Upload link (myLakeland login credentials required)

located in Building A-1003

*\*Please do not send documents through email as it is not secure.*

\_\_\_\_\_ For Office Use Only \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_