



2024-2025 Proof of Dependent(s) Form

Students who are unmarried and under the age of 24 years old, but reported having dependents (in their household) on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must prove they provide at least 50% of their dependent(s) support to qualify as an Independent student. Please answer **all** questions carefully and attach sufficient documentation to support your claim. *Forms submitted without proper documentation will be considered incomplete and will not be reviewed.*

If you are unable to prove that you provide 50% of the support for your dependent(s), you will be considered a Dependent student and be required to provide parental information on your 2024-2025 FAFSA.

Student Name: _____ MTCC ID: _____

Dependents are people who you will support between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025. Include your children if they receive **more than half** of their support from you. Include other people **only** if they meet the following criteria:

- They now live with you, and
- They now receive **more than half** of their support from you and they will continue to
- Receive this support from you between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025.

Please note that unborn children may not be reported as part of the household information or as children that will receive support from you, even if they will be born between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025.

You must provide documentation such as receipts to substantiate your claim of support for the persons listed below as dependents.

1. Please list below the names and ages **YOUR** dependents and their relationship to you. **You must attach legal documentation of their relationship to you (birth certificate, etc.).**

| Name | Age | Relationship to Student |
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2. Please write a personal statement that answers the following questions. You may list the questions and answer them, but please provide details such as names, locations, etc.
 - a. Do you currently work?
 - b. Who takes care of your dependent(s) while you are in school and/or work?
 - c. Who do you (the student) currently reside with?
 - d. Were you (the student) claimed by *anyone* on their 2022 tax return (parents, grandparents, etc.)?
 - e. Who claimed your dependent(s) on a 2021 tax return (you, the student, your parents, etc.)?

Required Documentation

Each item below must be submitted along with this completed form in order for this Proof of Dependents request to be considered. *If you do not have documentation of an item listed, please provide a signed statement indicating such.*

- Birth Certificate for each dependent
- Other court of legal documents that substantiate your claim of the individuals on this form being your 'dependents'
- **Signed** copy of the student's **2022** and **2023** federal tax returns and all W-2 forms
- Most recent pay stub
- Proof of child care and child care payments
- Copy of Medicaid cards,
- WIC program eligibility notice
- Statement of child support received

I understand that additional information may be requested once an initial review of my documentation has been completed. I further understand that the decision made by the Financial Aid Director at MTCC is final and cannot be appealed.

By signing this information request, I certify that all information is complete and correct. You must submit all required documentation in order for your Proof of Support request to be reviewed.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____