

Dear Student:

Moraine Park Technical College recently received your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) information for the 2026-2027 school year. On your FAFSA, you did not include parental information; however, based on the federal dependency requirements, it appears you are required to provide this information.

Being considered an independent student is not based upon these factors:

- You're responsible for your own educational expenses.
- Your parent(s)' unwillingness to pay or unwillingness to provide their information on the FAFSA.

Independent Status is based on the following criteria:

- Born before January 1, 2003;
- Be an orphan (both parents deceased), ward of the court, or was in foster care since you turned 13 years old;
- Be in a legal guardianship with someone other than your parent or stepparent, as determined by a court;
- On or after July 1, 2025, were you unaccompanied and either homeless or at the risk of being homeless?;
- Be a veteran or serving active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States;
- Be a graduate or professional student;
- Be a married individual;
- Have legal dependents other than a spouse;
- Be a student for whom a financial aid administrator makes a documented determination of independence by reason of other unusual circumstances. Circumstances tend to be extreme (such as abandonment or physical abuse) to warrant the change. Simply residing in your own apartment or house is not adequate justification. If you think you have unusual circumstances that would qualify you as an independent, please contact the financial aid office for further assistance.

Instructions for adding parental information: please log in to your FAFSA application at studentaid.gov. Select the 2026-2027 application and select "Make FAFSA Corrections". Enter parental data and resubmit the FAFSA with your parent's signature. Processing of your financial aid file will continue when we have received all requested information.

Please feel free to visit morainepark.edu/financial-aid/ or call Student Services at (920) 924-3207 if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

Financial Aid
Moraine Park Technical College