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Federal aid regulations classify students as independent if they meet at least one of the following criteria listed below.

- x Please find the criteria that matches your situation, and submit the required documentation .
- x If none of these criteria apply, but you still think you should be considered independent because of significant problems in your relationship with your parents, then please contact our office to discuss your situation. Eligible students can appeal for independent status using the [Appeal for Independent Status](#). (This form is also available at [owson.edu/so](#))

At any time when you were age 13 or older, both of your parents were deceased, you were in foster care, or you were a dependent/ward of the court.

- x Court documents or death certificates of both parents

C. You were or are an emancipated minor as determined by a court or you were or are in legal guardianship as determined