



2025-26 Proof of Dependents

Student Name _____ ETBU Student ID _____

Students who are unmarried and under the age of 24, and reported dependents on their FAFSA, must prove they provide at least 50% of their dependents' support to qualify as an independent student. Please answer all questions carefully and attach sufficient documentation. Forms submitted without proper documentation will be considered incomplete until documentation is received. If you are unable to prove that you provide at least 50% of the support for your dependent, you will be considered a dependent student and must correct your FAFSA using your parents' information.

- Dependents are people that you now provide for at least 50% of their support and will continue to do so between July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026.
- Support includes money, housing, food, clothes, medical/dental care, and similar expenses. **You must provide documentation** such as receipts to substantiate your claim of support for the persons listed below as dependents.

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

Name	Age	Relationship to You	Type of Documentation Provided

2. Where do the named dependents live?
 - With you
 - With your parent(s)
 - Other (*please explain*) _____

3. Do you work or receive income?
 - Yes Employer: _____
Amount earned per month: \$ _____
(*Please attach your most recent pay stub*)
 - No

4. Who takes care of your child while you are in class or at work?

5. You, the student, live:
 - With your parent(s)
 - Off campus (*provide utility bill or lease agreement in your name*)
 - On campus (*list name of dorm: _____*)



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6. Were you, the student, claimed by your parent(s) on their 2023 tax return?

Yes

No

7. Was your dependent claimed by anyone other than you on his/her 2023 or 2024 tax return?

Yes (*please list the name of that person and his/her relationship to you*)

No (*please provide a copy of your 2023 tax return*)

8. Please list all sources of support. You must attach proper documentation.

(Examples include: copy of most recent pay stubs, TANF/SNAP statements, proof of child support paid, WIC program eligibility notice, Medicare eligibility notice for dependent, any assistance provided by your parents, proof of daycare payments, etc.)

Forms received lacking proper documentation or incomplete information will not be processed until all necessary items are received. The Financial Aid Office reserves the right to request additional documentation necessary to determine your status.

By signing below, I certify all of the information on this form and supporting documents are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Student's signature

Date

Return this form and any attachments to:

Office of Financial Aid – East Texas Baptist University | One Tiger Drive, Marshall, TX 75670 | Phone: 903-923-2138

Email: financialaid@etbu.edu | Fax: 903-934-8120