Certification of Active Military Duty

As a result of the Higher Education Reconciliation Act of 2005, if you are currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training, you are an independent student for the purpose of receiving federal student aid. If you are on active duty, please complete the certification below and attach either a copy of your orders or a letter from your commanding officer confirming your active-duty status.

Please check appropriate response below:

☐ I certify that I am currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces (the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Space Force, or Coast Guard) for purposes other than training. As documentation of my status, I am attaching one of the following:
   - A copy of my orders for active duty.
   - A signed letter from my commanding officer indicating my active duty status.

☐ I am not on active duty. (Answer No if you are a National Guard or Reserve enlistee who is on active duty for state or training purposes.)

If this is the only reason you are an independent student, and you haven’t already listed parents’ information, you will need to:

- Correct your FAFSA by unchecking the item to question #5 “The student is currently serving on active duty in the U.S. armed forces for purposes other than training.”
- Complete the FAFSA with parent information (and if applicable, stepparent) information. The parent that should be reported on the FAFSA is the parent who provides the greater portion of the student’s financial support, even if the student does not live with them.
- Complete and return this form to the Financial Aid Office.

Student’s Last Name | First Name | MI | Lander ID (L#)

Phone # | Date

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