



Orphan/Ward of the Court Verification

The Financial Aid Office has completed the initial review of your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The Financial Aid Office has received information from the U.S. Department of Education that you are considered an independent student. We now need to verify that you meet the criteria to be considered an orphan or ward of the court. Please complete this form, attach the appropriate documentation, and return it to the Financial Aid Office as soon as possible.

❖ PROCESSING OF YOUR AID HAS STOPPED UNTIL THIS FORM AND ALL DOCUMENTS ARE RETURNED ❖

You indicated on the FAFSA that you are an orphan or a ward of the court. Please respond to the following questions:

1. At any time after you turned the age of 13, were both of your parents deceased?

Documentation required: copy of death certificates

Yes

No

2. At any time after you turned the age of 13, were you in foster care, even if you are no longer in foster care today?

Documentation required: Court documentation

Yes

No

3. At any time after you turned the age of 13, were you a dependent or a ward of the court?

Documentation required: Court documentation showing orphan/ward of court

Yes

No

If you answered "YES" to any of the above questions, you are considered independent for financial aid purposes. Please attach the required documentation as requested above and sign the "Statement of Certification" below.

Attached is a copy of court documentation or a letter from the Social Services documenting my status.

If you answered "NO" to all three questions, go to Question 4.

4. Do you have an adoptive parent?

Yes

No

If you answered "YES" to Question 4 or "NO" to Questions 1-3 above, you will need to complete your FAFSA as a dependent student using your parent's or adoptive parent's information. Please contact our office for further instructions.

Statement of Certification: I certify that the information given on this form is true and complete.

Students Signature

Date

Student ID

Students Name (please print)

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Social Security #