

STUDENT'S LAST NAME :

FIRST NAME :

MIDDLE INITIAL :

STUDENT ID NUMBER :

You have reported that you were an orphan or "Ward of the Court" prior to your 18th birthday on the FAFSA. You are required to provide documentation verifying your "Ward of the Court" status before we are able to continue the financial aid process.

**If you are an orphan then you are considered an independent student if both of your parents are deceased. You are required to provide copies of death certificates to verify this.**

*If you were a Ward of the Court, please submit Court documentation verifying your status as a "Ward of the Court". Attach the documentation to this form and submit it to the Financial Aid Office. Document example: Form 10-24 Order of Disposition, Review of the Status of Child Freed for Adoption or a letter from your Social Worker, Probation Officer or your ILP Coordinator that provides the following:*

NAME  
DATE OF BIRTH  
STATE ID#  
EMANCIPATION DATE  
WELFARE & INSTITUTION CODE (WIC)

You are considered a Ward of the Court and independent for financial aid purposes if you meet the following definition:

If the court determined that:

- a.) Your parent(s) were unable to care for you as a minor,
- b.) The State or Court took legal custody of you **and**,
- c.) You were removed from the custody of your parent(s) for your protection.

You are **not** considered a Ward of the Court if your status is only due to incarceration while a minor or if you were living with your parents while under the monitoring of the criminal / legal system.

If you do not meet the definition of Ward of the Court and you are not an orphan, then you are considered a **dependent student for financial aid**. You will be required to provide your parents' income on the FAFSA. A correction to your FAFSA data will be required to determine your financial aid eligibility.

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Student's Signature

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Date**Mailing Address**

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