



# FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS OFFICE

## 2020-2021 Orphan/Ward of the Court Verification

You reported on your 2020-2021 FAFSA that at any time since you turned age 13, you were an orphan or ward of the court. You are required to provide documentation verifying your status before we are able to continue the financial aid process. Please review this worksheet and provide the requested documentation to the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office. Only one type of documentation is required depending on your circumstance.

### STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Orphan

You are considered an orphan if at any time since you turned age 13 you had no living parent, even if you are now adopted. Please provide:

- Copies of your parent(s) death certificate(s)
- Copy of your birth certificate

#### Foster Care/Ward of the Court

You are considered having been in foster care or a ward of the court if at any time since you turned age 13:

- You were in foster care, even if you are no longer in foster care today; or
- You were a dependent or ward of the court, even if you are no longer a dependent or ward of the court today. **For federal student aid purposes, someone who is incarcerated is not considered a ward of the court.** You are considered a ward of the court if the court determined that:
  - Your parent(s) were unable to care for you as a minor,
  - The State or Court took legal custody of you and,
  - You were removed from the custody of your parent(s) for your protection.

Please submit court documentation verifying your status. Possible acceptable documentation includes: 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)

**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.**

### SIGN AND DATE THIS FORM

By signing this worksheet, I (we) certify that all the information reported to qualify for Federal student aid is complete and correct. **At least one parent must sign.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**WARNING:** If you purposely give false or misleading information on this worksheet, you may be fined, be sentenced to jail, or both.