



Confirmation of Status of Orphan/Ward of the Court Emancipated Minor, or Legal Guardianship

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2009-2010 ORPHAN/WARD OF THE COURT, EMANCIPATED MINOR, LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP

Based on the information you provided on the 2009-2010 FAFSA, our office requires confirmation of your inability to provide parent information on the FAFSA. On your 2009-2010 FAFSA application, you entered "YES" to one of the dependency status questions, #55, 56, or 57. To assist and guide you in the process of financial aid eligibility and awarding, please review the items below and check the box that corresponds to your particular situation (check only one box). Attach the requested documentation to this form, and submit both this signed form and the requested documentation to our office.

PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX BELOW, AND PROVIDE OUR OFFICE WITH REQUESTED DOCUMENTATION

Orphan: You have reported that you are an Orphan. You are considered an independent student if BOTH of your parents were deceased when you were age 13 or older, even if you are now adopted. Please check the box and provide our office with a Copy of Parent(s) Death Certificate.

Ward of the Court: The federal definition of "Ward of the Court" is the court determined that your parent(s) were unable to care for you, and that the State or the Court took legal custody of you. You were removed from your parent's custody for your protection. Please check the box and provide our office with a copy of the Court Order or a letter from your Social Worker verifying your "Ward of the Court" status. You cannot check "Yes" to "Ward of the Court" if you were convicted of a crime as a juvenile and became a Ward of the Court through the California probation system. If this is your situation you will need to correct your FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov, add your parent financial information and parent signature.

Emancipated Minor: Emancipation is the process by which youth who are 14 through 17 years of age may become freed from the custody of their parents or guardian. Please check the box and provide our office with a copy of the Declaration of Emancipation court order. The court must be located in your state of legal residence. If the court order is no longer in effect, you will need to change your answer on the FAFSA by logging onto www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Legal Guardianship: If you have a court-appointed legal guardian, please check the box and provide our office with court documentation. The court must be located in your state of legal residence. If the court order is no longer in effect, you will need to change your answer on the FAFSA by logging onto www.fafsa.ed.gov.

If you are unable to provide court documentation and are still unable to provide parent information please, contact a Financial Aid Advisor in the Financial Aid and Scholarship Office located at Cougar Central, Craven Hall 3900 or phone us at 760-750-4850.



Student Name Last First MI

Day Time Phone Number: Campus ID