

## Orphan/Ward of the Court Form

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

On your FAFSA application you have answered “Yes” that you are either an orphan or ward of the court. The Financial Aid Office verifies this information from all students and requires supporting documentation to ensure you completed your FAFSA correctly. For you to have answered this question correctly you must be able to prove the following:

**If at any time since you turned age 13 you meet the following criterion:**

- You had no living parent (biological or adoptive), even if you are now adopted; or
- 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 ward of the court. (Note: For federal student aid purposes, someone who is incarcerated is not considered a ward of the court)

**Please check the selection below that applies to you:**

- WARD OF THE COURT :** *If you were a “Ward of the Court” you must submit a court order **and/or** a letter from your social worker or attorney on official letterhead stating your Ward-ship status with the Juvenile court system.*
- FOSTER CARE / FOSTER YOUTH:** *If you were in Foster Care at any time since you turned 13 years old you must submit documentation to attest this status. Acceptable documents include: court order, statement from a child welfare agency, or a statement from an attorney or guardian ad litem/court-appointed advocate.*

**\*\*PLEASE MAKE SURE TO SUBMIT ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION TO THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE ALONG WITH THIS FORM OR YOUR FINANCIAL AID MAY BE DELAYED\*\***

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

**Certification and Signature:** By signing this worksheet, I certify that all of the information reported on it is complete and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature - required

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date