SHENANDOAH UNIVERSITY
Financial Aid

Emancipated Minor / Legal Guardianship Form

Student Name:_____ **ID:** _____

On your FAFSA application you have answered "Yes" that you are either an emancipated minor or in a legal guardianship. 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 these questions correctly you must meet one of the following definitions:

Please check the selection below that applies to you:

☐ **EMANCIPATED MINOR:** If you are/were an emancipated minor you must submit the following: *A court order **from your state of legal residency** that states as of today you are an emancipated minor, **OR** the order must state that you were an emancipated minor immediately before you reached the age of being an adult in your state.*

☐ **LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP:** If you are in a legal guardianship you must submit the following: *A court order **from your state of legal residency** that states you are currently in a legal guardianship, **OR** an order stating that you were in a legal guardianship immediately before you reached the age of being an adult in your state.*

***NOTE:** Legal guardianship **does not** include your parents, even if they were appointed by a court to be your guardians.*

☐ **ERROR ON FAFSA :** You should have answered "No" if you are still a minor and the court decision is no longer in effect, **OR** if the court order was not in effect at the time you became an adult. Also answer "No" if the court order states "custody" and not "guardianship".

***NOTE:** If you made an error on your FAFSA, you will need to log back in using your FSA ID and make corrections by answering "No" to the question(s). You will then need to add your parent(s) information to your FAFSA and both of you will need to sign the application. Once you submit the corrections, the Financial Aid Office will receive your new FAFSA within 5-7 business days.*

*****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.

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Student Signature - required Date