

Verification of Independent Status Form

Independent Student Verification

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Student Name _____ University ID Number _____
 (Please print) Last First Middle

At the time you completed the 2009-2010 FAFSA, you indicated that you were an independent student. Before we may review you for financial aid eligibility, you need to confirm your status and attach the required documentation.

Please indicate which status accurately reflects your situation by checking the appropriate box, and return the form to our office with the appropriate documentation attached.

I have been an **orphan** (I had no living biological or adoptive parent) at any time since I turned 13.

Required Documentation:

1. A copy of each parent's death certificate.

I have been a dependent or **ward of the court** at any time since I have turned 13.

Required Documentation:

1. Court documentation verifying dependent or ward of the court status

I have been in **foster care** at any time since I have turned 13.

Required Documentation:

1. Letters of guardianship from foster parents **or**:
2. Documentation from the Department of Child Services detailing foster care information

I have been deemed an **emancipated minor** by a court in my state of legal residence before I reached that state's "Age of Majority."

Required Documentation:

1. Court documentation declaring the student's emancipation prior to the Age of Majority from a court in the student's state of legal residence at the time the decision was issued.

I have been under **legal guardianship** (my parents were not my guardians and I was not emancipated) immediately prior to reaching the age of legal adulthood in my state of legal residence.

Required Documentation:

1. Court documentation declaring legal guardianship from the student's state of legal residence at the time the decision was issued.

Statement of Understanding: *I certify all the information reported above is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.*

Student Signature _____ Date _____

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