

Student Name: _____

Student ID: _____

You have indicated on your 2017-2018 Free Application for Federal Student Aid that you were in foster care, a dependent or ward of the court, or both of your parents were deceased, since you turned age 13. Please review the information in this worksheet to determine the appropriate documentation to submit so that we may continue processing your financial aid. **We cannot determine or award federal financial aid until verification has been completed, so please provide the needed documentation as soon as possible.**

A. U.S. Department of Education Guidance:

Students should answer “Yes” to Question 53 on the FAFSA if they meet any of the following criteria:

- You have no living parent, even if you are now adopted
- You were in foster care, even if you are no longer in foster care as of today
- You were a dependent or ward of the court, even if you are no longer a dependent or ward of the court as of today.

NOTE: Someone who is incarcerated is not considered to be a ward of the court, for federal student aid purposes.

B. Student Status Determination

If you meet any of the three definitions above, please review and answer each question. You will then need to provide the appropriate documentation to support the determination.

1. At any time after you turned age 13, were you placed in foster care?
 - Yes If yes, **you must submit court documentation that ordered your placement into foster care.** Court documentation may be obtained from the county clerk in the county where the court is located.
 - No If no, please review **Question 2.**

2. At any time after you turned age 13, were you deemed as a dependent or ward of the court in your state of legal residence?
 - Yes If yes, **you must submit court documentation that determined your status.** Court documentation may be obtained from the county clerk in the county where the court is located.
 - No If no, please review **Question 3.**

3. At any time after you turned age 13, did both of your parents become deceased?
 - Yes If yes, **please submit a copy of your birth certificate and the death certificate for the parent(s) listed on the birth certificate.** Birth and death certificates may be obtained from the county clerk within the county where the birth or death took place.
 - No If no, please review the **Additional Instructions** section.

C. Additional Instructions

If you are unable to answer “Yes” to any of the questions above, you must return to the 2017-2018 Free Application for Federal Student Aid and update your response to Question 53. You may be required to include parent information on the FAFSA if you are unable to answer “Yes” to any of the dependency questions listed on the application.

D. SIGN THIS FORM:

By signing this form, I certify that all the information reported on this form is complete and correct. **WARNING:** If you purposefully give false or misleading information on this form, you may be fined, sentenced to prison, or both.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____