Your Independent status was based solely on your answer to question 53 on the FAFSA (from one of the possibilities listed in step 1 below). Therefore, you are required by federal regulations to submit legal documentation verifying that status. Please check the box in step 1 that best represents your situation and submit the required documentation. Failure to comply with this request in a timely manner significantly delays processing of your financial aid application.

Student Name        Student ID

STEP 1: CHECK THE APPLICABLE BOX AND SUBMIT REQUESTED DOCUMENTATION

☐ I am or was an orphan at any time from the age of 13 or older (even if you are now adopted; check this box if both your parents are deceased; do not check this box if only one parent is deceased and the whereabouts of your other parent is unknown).
  • Attach a copy of your birth certificate and copies of both your parent’s death certificates.

☐ I am or was a ward of the court at any time from the age of 13 or older (check this box even if you are no longer a dependent/ward of the court as of today).
  • Attach a letter from your social worker confirming that you were a dependent of the court, or a letter stating that you are a participant in the Independent Living Skills Program (ILSP), or other court documentation showing that you were removed from the home because it posed a direct threat to your well-being.

☐ I am or was in Foster Care from the age of 13 or older (or was a ward until the age of 18).
  • Submit legal documentation from your state of residency.

☐ I made an error on my FAFSA. I am not an orphan or ward/dependent of the court, nor was I ever in Foster Care. I understand that I must now correct my FAFSA and provide parent information. I understand that my financial aid application cannot be processed until I have corrected my FAFSA.

STEP 2: CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

By signing this worksheet, I certify that all of the information reported is true and correct. I have read each section and have provided the required documentation. I understand that if I purposely provide false or misleading information on this worksheet I can be fined, sentenced to jail, or both.

Student Signature         Date

Mail completed application and supporting documentation to:
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