TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI
OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
2012-2013 Verification of Orphan, Ward of the Court or Foster Care Status Form

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

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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.
  ☐ Yes, I have corrected the error on my FAFSA and updated my application with parent information.
  ☐ No, I have not corrected the error on my FAFSA. I understand that I must now correct my FAFSA by providing parent information.

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:
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
Office of Student Financial Assistance
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