



Orphan, Foster Care, or Ward of the Court Verification Form 2025-2026

You reported on your FAFSA application that you are an orphan, that you were in foster care or that you are/were a dependent or ward of the court. Additional documentation is required to verify this information to determine your dependency status for financial aid eligibility. Please review the definitions below to confirm your status. Your financial aid awards cannot be fully processed until this documentation has been received and reviewed by the Financial Aid Office.

Student's Name: _____ Student MBU ID# _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

☐ **Orphan** - you had no living parent (biological or adoptive) at any time since the age of 13, even if you are now adopted.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED: A copy of the death certificate for each of your parents.

If you are unable to provide these certificates, you cannot be considered independent for financial aid purposes.

☐ **Foster Care** - you were in foster care at any time since the age of 13, even if you are no longer in foster care as of today.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED: A copy of the court orders, or a letter from your caseworker to verify your status.

If you are unable to provide these certificates, you cannot be considered independent for financial aid purposes.

☐ **Ward of the Court** - you are/were a dependent or ward of the court at any time since the age of 13, even if you are no longer a dependent or ward of the court as of today.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED: A copy of the court's decision, or any other documentation that can verify your status.

If you are unable to provide these certificates, you cannot be considered independent for financial aid purposes.

☐ **None of These Situations Apply** – Please complete the following:

- Login to <https://studentaid.gov/> to update your FAFSA application using the 'Make Corrections' option.
- Include parental information on the FAFSA and be sure to have a parent sign the correction.
- After receipt of the corrected FAFSA, including parental information, we will send a revised financial aid award letter to you.

By signing this document, I certify that all information reported on this document is complete and correct.

Student's Signature: _____

Date: ____/____/____