



# Emancipated Minor/Legal Guardianship Verification Form 2026-2027

You reported on your FAFSA application that you are a legally emancipated minor or that someone other than your biological parent(s) has been appointed legal guardianship. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Emancipated Minor** - a student that is legally emancipated or was legally emancipated immediately before reaching the age of adulthood as outlined by their state of residence at that time.

Upon reaching the age of majority in my state I was released from the control of my parent or guardian as determined by a court of law in the state of which I was a resident at the time.

1. Date the court declared you an emancipated minor (month/year): \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_
2. Your age at the time: \_\_\_\_\_

**DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED:** A copy of the court papers, signed by a judge, verifying your status as an emancipated minor. *If you do not have court papers, you cannot be considered independent for financial aid purposes.*

**Legal Guardianship** - a designation by a court that authorizes someone to care for an individual in place or absence of parents and does not refer to a single biological parent obtaining sole legal custody.

Upon reaching the age of majority in my state, someone other than my biological or adoptive parent(s) was appointed as my legal guardian by a court of law in the state of which I was a resident at the time.

1. Date the court appointed someone other than your parent as your legal guardian (month/year): \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_
2. Your age at the time: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Name of person(s) appointed as your legal guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED:** A copy of the court papers, signed by a judge, verifying that someone other than your parent was appointed as your legal guardian. *If you do not have court papers, you cannot be considered independent for financial aid purposes.*

**Neither of These Situations Apply** – Please complete the following:

- o Login to <https://studentaid.gov/> to update your FAFSA application using the 'Make Corrections' option.
- o Include parental information on the FAFSA and be sure to have a parent sign the correction.
- o 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: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_