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## 2024-2025 ORPHAN/WARD OF THE COURT VERIFICATION

LAST NAME,	FIRST NAME	STUDENT ID #
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You have reported that you are an “orphan” or you were a “ward of the court” on the FAFSA. We are required to confirm your status.

**ORPHAN:** Check here if you are an Orphan (which means both parents are deceased). Please submit confirmation of the orphan status (**Documents needed:** Copies of the death certificates or legal document from the court signed by a judge to confirm that you are an orphan).

**WARD OF THE COURT:** Check here if you are a Ward of the Court. Please submit confirmation of the Ward of the Court status (**Document needed:** Copy of the legal document from the court signed by a judge to confirm that you are an orphan). “WARD OF COURT” DEFINITION:

- If you were a “ward of the court” at any time since you turned the age of 13, which means, the court determined that your parent (s) were unable to care for you, and that the State or the Court took legal custody of you. You were removed from your parent’s custody for your protection.
- You may have been placed in Foster Care. If you were in foster care at any time since you turned 13 years old, even if you are no longer in Foster Care today.

You are not considered a Ward of the Court if: You were a “ward of the court” and were living with your parents, under the monitoring of the criminal legal system, ordered by the court and/or you were incarcerated.

**If the above is true, you are considered a dependent student. You will be required to provide your parents’ income on the FAFSA. You have not met the federal definition of ‘ward of the court.’ A correction will be required to determine your financial aid eligibility.**

Student comments and explanation:

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Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_