



## 2026-2027 Conflicting Dependency Verification Court Ordered

Student Name:	Student ID#:
Phone Number:	Date of Birth:

You indicated on your FAFSA that you are an Independent student by means other than age, marital status, military status, or supporting legal dependents. Please provide documentation verifying your situation.

Check the applicable box and submit the appropriate documentation with this form:

☐ **Orphan, Foster Child, or Ward of the Court since the age of 13**

- A student is an orphan if both his or her parents were dead when 13 or older even if the student was subsequently adopted. Likewise, a student who was at any time since the age of 13 a foster child or a ward of the court is independent even if his or her status changed later.
- The following are examples of documents that could attest the student's former foster youth status: a copy of a court order; the statement of a state or county child welfare agency; the statement of a private provider agency that delivers child welfare services; or the statement from an attorney, guardian ad litem, or court-appointed special advocate documenting the person's relationship to the student as well as the latter's foster youth status.

☐ **Emancipated Minor**

- If they are, or were upon reaching the age of majority, emancipated minors (released from control of their parent or guardian), as adjudicated by a court of competent jurisdiction in their state of legal residence at the time of the adjudication. The emancipation must be determined by a court, not by an attorney.
- Must provide court ordered paperwork of legal emancipation of the student, signed and stamped by court officials. Copies are acceptable.

☐ **Legal Guardianship**

- If they are, or were upon reaching the age of majority, in legal guardianship under persons other than their parents or stepparents. This does not include custody, guardianship of a person's estate, or power of attorney.
- Must provide court ordered paperwork of legal guardianship of the student, signed and stamped by court officials. Copies are acceptable.

☐ **None of the above apply me.**

- I will log on to my FAFSA to correct my application.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, certify that the information provided on this form and on the accompanying  
(print name)

documentation is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Furthermore, I understand that purposely providing false or misleading information may result in a fine, imprisonment, or both.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Student's Signature** (cannot be typed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

<b>FAA Use Only:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Independent	Sign/Initial: _____	Date: _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Dependent:	_____	