



### Unusual Circumstance: Dependency Status Review

<u>Student Name</u>		<u>Student ID# C</u>
<u>Street Address</u>		<u>School Year</u>
<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>ZIP Code</u>
<u>E-mail Address</u>		<u>Telephone</u>

You indicated on your FAFSA that you are independent based on one of the following statuses: Orphan, Foster Child, Ward of the Court, Emancipated Minor, or In Legal Guardianship.

Please review the instructions below and submit this form and the required documentation to your local Financial Aid Office. You may submit your documents in person or via the [Secure Financial Aid File Drop](#).

- Orphan: If both your parents have died since your 13<sup>th</sup> birthday (even if you were later adopted), please provide documentation of your status (e.g., your parents' death certificates or newspaper obituaries) along with this completed form.
- Foster Child: If you were in foster care at age 13 or older, please provide any of the following documents or contact information for the listed person along with this completed form.
  - ◇ Court order or official state documentation that you received federal or state support in foster care.
  - ◇ A documented phone call with your local financial aid office or a written statement from
    - ◇ A state, county, or tribal agency administering a program under part B or E of *Title IV* or the *Social Security Act*;
    - ◇ A state Medicaid agency; or
    - ◇ A public or private foster care placing agency or foster care facility or placement.
  - ◇ A documented phone call with your local financial aid office or a written statement from an attorney, guardian ad litem, or Court Appointed Special Advocate.
  - ◇ Verification of your eligibility for an education and training voucher under the John H. Chafee Foster Care Program.
  - ◇ A documented phone call with your local financial aid office or a written statement from a financial aid administrator who documented your circumstance previously.
- Ward of the Court: If a court has assumed legal custody of you (not including incarceration) at age 13 or older, please provide a copy of the court order making you a ward of the court that is signed by the judge or another officer of the court along with this completed form.
- Emancipated Minor: if you are, or were by your 18th birthday, an emancipated minor (released from control of your parent or guardian) as adjudicated by a court of competent jurisdiction in your state of legal residence at the time of adjudication, please provide a copy of the court order that is signed by the judge or another officer of the court along with this completed form.
- Legal Guardianship: if you are, or were by your 18th birthday, in legal guardianship as adjudicated by a court of competent jurisdiction in your state of legal residence at the time of adjudication, please provide a copy of the court's guardianship order that is signed by the judge or another officer of the court along with this completed form.