



Proof of Orphan/Ward of Court Status

Please return this form with the requested information of documentation

Name (Last) (First) (M.I.) Student ID#

Address (Street) (City) (State) (Zip) Phone #

Your status for financial aid as an independent student is based solely on your answer to question 55 on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) regarding your status as an **Orphan or Ward of the Court**. Therefore, the Department of Education requires that you submit legal documentation verifying that situation. To verify your status of Orphan or Ward of the Court, we will require the following documentation:

If **Orphan**, please check one box

- a copy of both parents death certificates
- a copy of both parents obituaries from a newspaper
- documentation from the Social Security Administration that shows that both of your parents are deceased
- other proof not listed above _____

OR

If **Ward of the Court**:

Court orders indicating that you are a Ward of the Court

Please submit this documentation to our office as soon as possible so that we may continue the processing of your award.

If you have any questions, please contact the Financial Aid Office at 910.410.1726.