

2018-2019 Verification of Emancipated Minor/Legal Guardianship

Student ID#*

Student Name (Last Name, First Name)

*for new students, the Student ID# can be found on the Financial Aid Award Letter

On the 2018-2019 FAFSA you answered “yes” to question **54 or 55**, stating that you are an emancipated minor or in legal guardianship. Additional information is needed for us to determine whether you meet the criteria to answer “yes” to one of these questions, thereby making you independent for financial aid purposes.

Your financial aid cannot be finalized until this information is received.

Please mark the category below that pertains to your specific situation. Be sure you answer any questions that follow.

☐**Emancipated Minor**

Before reaching the age of majority in my state (usually age 18) 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 of at the time.

Note: Emancipated does NOT mean you pay for your own bill and your parents do not support you.

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.*

☐**Under Legal Guardianship of Someone Other Than Parent**

Before reaching the age of majority in my state (usually 18), 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. Although my parents' rights may not have been permanently terminated, my legal guardian had custody of me, was responsible for raising me, and was appointed to make decisions about my life.

Note: Legal guardianship does NOT pertain to divorced parents where one has legal custody of you.

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) _____
4. Were you appointed a guardian because the court deemed you incompetent/incapable of administering your affairs? ☐ YES ☐ NO

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 category above pertains to me – Please complete the following items:**

- Go to www.fafsa.gov to update your FAFSA, question **54 and/or 55**, to “NO”
- Include parental information on the FAFSA, if you have not already done so

By signing this worksheet, I certify that all of the information reported on this worksheet is complete and correct.

Student Signature (handwritten, not typed)_____
Date

This form contains personally identifiable information.
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