



2025-2026

Orphan, Foster, or Ward of the Court

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Your status as an independent student for federal financial aid purposes is based upon your answer to questions regarding your dependency on the 2025-2026 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). To complete the financial aid process, please select the status that represents your situation and submit the required documentation. Your financial aid cannot be processed until all required documentation has been received and evaluated.

Student Information

Last Name

First Name

ctcLink ID

Previous Last Name

Email Required (Email is the default communication method)

Circumstance Selection

- ☐ Both of my biological or adoptive parents are deceased.
 - Provide copies of death certificates for both parents.
- ☐ I was a dependent or ward of the court on or after the day I turned 13 years of age.
(Select this even if you are no longer a dependent/ward of the court as of today.)
 - Provide copies of your court documents.
- ☐ I was in foster care on or after the day I turned 13 years of age.
 - Provide relevant formal documentation to substantiate.
- ☐ As of today, I am an emancipated minor as determined by a court in the state of my legal residence.
 - Provide relevant court documents to support this.
- ☐ I made an error on the FAFSA/WASFA. I am/was neither an orphan, nor ward of the court, and neither am/was in foster care.
 - You and the appropriate contributor must correct the information on your FAFSA/WASFA.

Signature Certification Required.

By submitting this form, I agree that the information provided is complete and correct.

Student Name

Student Signature

Date

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