



**ORPHAN OR WARD OF THE COURT VERIFICATION
INDEPENDENT STUDENT**

Student Name _____

Social Security Number _____

(Your social security number is being requested because it is a unique identification number that is maintained for the purpose of verifying that the correct student record is being updated, for tracking purposes and for state and federal report requirements.)

_____ **Orphan:** a student who does not have an adoptive parent and both biological parents are deceased. Such a student is considered an orphan even if he or she has a legal guardian.

_____ **Ward of the Court:** A student qualifies as a ward of the court if the court has assumed custody of him or her. Students who remain in legal custody of their parents while the court imposes its authority over them are not considered to be wards of the court. Emancipation (when a child is released from control of a parent or guardian) does not qualify him or her as a ward of the court.

I certify that I am an orphan or ward of the court according to the Department of Education definitions listed above. I will provide parent death certificates or documentation from the court to verify this information. Also certify that all of the information provided on my application for financial aid is true and correct.

STUDENT SIGNATURE

DATE

*****PLEASE ATTACH PARENT DEATH CERTIFICATES OR COURT DOCUMENTS*****

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