



2025-2026 STUDENT STATUS VERIFICATION

Student Name: _____ Student ID #: _____

On your financial aid application, you answered yes to one of the questions that determines independence. Please complete this form to substantiate the status that applies to you.

CHECK THE ONE BOX THAT APPLIES AND PROVIDE THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

If none of these apply, you will need to correct your financial aid application and include your parents' information and signatures.

- ☐ **Emancipated Minor:** Please attach a copy of the court's decision that you are/were an emancipated minor. The court must be located in your state of legal residence.
- ☐ **In Legal Guardianship:** Please attach a copy of the court's decision that you are/were in legal guardianship. The court must be located in your state of legal residence.
- ☐ **Both Parents Deceased (when you were age 13 or older):** Please provide original death certificates of both parents, along with your original birth certificate.
- ☐ **In Foster Care or a Dependent/Ward of the Court (when you were age 13 or older):** Please attach documentation from your social worker or Independent Living Program counselor showing your status and when it ends.
- ☐ **An Unaccompanied Homeless Youth (at any time on or after July 1, 2024):** If you are 23 years of age or younger or still enrolled in high school, not living in the physical custody of your parent or guardian, and are homeless or at risk of being homeless, you must provide documented proof* verifying your living situation.

**Acceptable proof includes written documentation (the agency's name, address, phone number, and authorized signature is required) from: your high school or school district homeless liaison, the director of an emergency shelter, the director of a transitional housing program, the director of a runaway or homeless youth center, or the director of a federal TRIO or GEAR UP program.*

Please attach all documentation to this letter and return to your Financial Aid Office. If you have questions about what documentation is required to verify your status, contact the Financial Aid Office.

CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

The person signing below certifies that all of the information reported is complete and correct. **Warning: If you purposely give false or misleading information, you may be fined, sent to prison, or both.** Signatures must be provided in blue or black ink. Digital and/or typed signatures will not be accepted.

Student Signature (Required): _____ Date: _____