



ORPHAN OR WARD OF THE COURT

FOR OFFICE USE:

DATE:

You have reported that you are an orphan or you were a “ward of the court” on the FAFSA application. **If you are an orphan, check the box below** and return this form.

If you were a “ward of the court”, **you are required to provide documentation** before we are able to continue the financial aid process. You may submit a court order or a letter from your Social Worker verifying your “ward of court status”. Read the following definition for an explanation of whether you will be considered independent for financial aid processing.

Last Name

First Name

M.I.

Student ID#

Social Security#

“WARD OF COURT” DEFINITION:

You are considered an independent student if you meet the following definition:

- If You were a “ward of the court” at any time since you turned the age of 13, which means, the court determined that your parent (s) were unable to care for you, and that the State or the Court took legal custody of you. You were removed from your parent’s custody for your protection.
- You may have been placed in Foster Care. If you were in foster care at any time since you turned 13 years old, even if you are no longer in Foster Care today.

You are not an independent student if:

- You were a “ward of the court” and were living with your parents, under the monitoring of the criminal legal system, ordered by the court and/or you were incarcerated.

If the above is true, you are considered a dependent student. You will be required to provide your parents’ income on the FAFSA. You have not met the Federal definition of ‘ward of the court.’ A correction will be required to determine your financial aid eligibility.

- ORPHAN – Check here if you are an orphan (both of your parents are deceased). You are also considered an orphan if your parents are deceased and you were adopted since you turned 13 years old. You are considered an independent.**

Student comments and explanation:

Were you ever in the Foster Care Program?	Yes	No
Were you in Foster Care at any time since you turned 13 years old?	Yes	No
Is your 22 nd birthday prior to July 1, 2010? (2010-2011 award year)	Yes	No
Have you applied for the \$5,000 Chafee Grant for former Foster Youth?	Yes	No

Apply for the Chafee Grant on line or through a paper application in the Student Financial Assistance & Scholarship Office.

Student Signature

Date