



Student Name

Student PID (Pxxxxxxxx)

Student Signature

Date

On your 2020-2021 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), you indicated that you are an independent student for financial aid purposes due to one of the following reasons:

- You were an orphan, a foster child, or a ward of the court on or after age 13.
- You are an emancipated minor as determined by a court in your state of residence.
- You are in legal guardianship as determined by a court in your state of residence.

Our office must verify your status as an independent student. Please answer the following questions below and **submit this form along with the required documents listed to our office.**

- On or after age 13, were both of your biological or adoptive parents deceased?
 - Yes. If yes, **submit** both your biological or adoptive father's and mother's death certificates.
 - No. Continue with this form.
- On or after age 13, were you in foster care?
 - Yes. If yes, **submit** formal documentation of your status as a foster child at age 13.
 - No. Continue with this form.
- On or after age 13, were you placed in the custody of a state, county, or court system?
 - Yes. If yes, **submit** formal documentation of your status as a ward of the court at age 13.
 - No. Continue with this form.
- As of today, are you an emancipated minor or are you in legal guardianship determined by a court?
 - Yes. If yes, **submit** court documentation of your current legal status of emancipation or legal guardianship.
 - No. Continue with this form.
- Were you adopted prior to age 13 and your adoptive parent is living?
 - Yes. If yes, you must **submit** a FAFSA Parental Information Form with your adoptive parental income information and signature(s). To obtain this form go to www.ohio.edu/financial-aid and select "forms".
 - No. Continue with this form.

If none of the previous situations describe your circumstances, you must be considered a dependent student. In this case, you must **submit** a FAFSA Parental Information Form with your biological parental income information and signature(s). To obtain this form go to www.ohio.edu/financial-aid and select "forms".

If there are extenuating circumstances between you and your biological/adoptive parents, please give a brief, but specific description of your current relationship with both your father and mother.

